

# Talking with Your Father (Matthew 6:5-13)

*Praying with Jesus – Part 1*  
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*James 4:3 (NIV) When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

*Romans 8:34 (NIV) Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

## 1. Pray with proper \_\_\_\_\_

### 1A. Don't pray for \_\_\_\_\_ reward

*Matthew 6:5 (NIV) "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

### 1B. Pray for your \_\_\_\_\_ reward

*Matthew 6:6 (NIV) But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

## 2. Pray with proper \_\_\_\_\_

## 2A. Don't pray with thoughtless \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 6:7 (NIV) And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.*

## 2B. Pray to an \_\_\_\_\_ Father

*Matthew 6:8 (NIV) Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

## 3. Pray with proper \_\_\_\_\_

### 3A. Pray for God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV) "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

### 3B. Pray for your kingdom \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3B1. Your daily \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 6:11 (NIV) Give us today our daily bread.*

#### 3B2. \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins

*Matthew 6:12 (NIV) Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

#### 3B3. \_\_\_\_\_ from Satan

*Matthew 6:13 (NIV) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*

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Intro. How would you describe your prayer life? How would you like to improve it?

What types of wrong motives may be the cause of unanswered prayer (James 4:3)?

How could we join our prayers with Jesus' prayers (Romans 8:34)?

Describe what prayer as "talking with your Father" means to you.

1A. In what ways could your prayers be for man's reward (Matthew 6:5)?

1B. How can Jesus' promise for those who pray in secret to their Father motivate your prayer life (Matthew 6:6)?

1C. Describe the proper motives you believe Jesus was teaching us to have in prayer.

2A. In what ways should prayer be like talking to another person? In what ways should prayer be different than talking to a person?

2B. What types of thoughtless repetition do people use in prayer (Matthew 6:7)?

2C. How should realizing your Father knows all your needs influence your prayers (Matthew 6:8)?

2D. What changes might you make in your prayer life to better pray with proper respect?

3A. How might someone's prayer life be out of proper balance?

3B. What is Jesus teaching us about our prayer priorities with the way He begins the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-10)?

3C. Why do you need your daily needs met to advance God's kingdom (Matthew 6:11)?

3D. Why is it important to daily confess your sins and receive forgiveness (Matthew 6:12)?

3E. Why is praying for protection from Satan important for your life (Matthew 6:13)?