

The Disciples Prayer (The Model/Pattern Prayer, The Lord's Prayer)

Matthew 6:5-13

5 “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

- a. **And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites:** Jesus assumed that His disciples would give, so He told them the right way to give ([Matthew 6:1-4](#)). He also assumed that His disciples would **pray**, and it was important that they not pray in the same manner as the **hypocrites**.
- b. **For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets:** There were two main places where a Jew in Jesus' day might pray in a hypocritical manner. They might pray at the synagogue at the time of public prayer, or on the street at the appointed times of prayer (9 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m.).
- c. **That they may be seen by men:** These hypocrites prayed not to be heard by God, but to **be seen by men**. This is a common fault in public prayer today, when people pray to impress or teach others instead of genuinely pouring out their hearts before God.

7 “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

- a. **When you pray, do not use vain repetitions:** The right kind of prayer does not use **vain repetitions**, which is any and all prayer which is mostly words and no meaning; all lips and no mind or heart.
- b. **Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him:** We don't pray to tell God things that He didn't know before we told Him. We pray to commune with and appeal to a loving God who wants us to bring every need and worry before His throne.

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9 “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

- a. **Our Father in heaven:** The right kind of prayer comes to God as a **Father in heaven**. It rightly recognizes whom we pray to, coming with a privileged title that demonstrates a privileged relationship. It was very unusual for the Jews of that day to call God “**Father**” because it was considered too intimate.

- b. **Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:** The right kind of prayer has a passion for God’s glory and agenda. His **name**, **kingdom** and **will** have the top priority.

- c. **Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one:** The right kind of prayer will freely bring its own needs to God. This will include needs for daily provision, forgiveness, and strength in the face of temptation.

- d. **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever:** The right kind of prayer praises God and credits to Him **the kingdom and the power and the glory**.