

PRAYER

What is it? Prayer is a method of deepening our relationship with God. We started our relationship with Him and were saved when we, in faith, confessed our sins and trusted Jesus. The way we continue to deepen our relationship with God is through continuing to confess and trust Him through prayer. The focus of Jesus' Prayer life is that of a relationship with the Father, not a ritual for religion.

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this: "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 also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:5-13, ESV

How Do I Pray?

1. Be _____ : this is mainly between you and God, eliminate distractions.
2. Do not _____ : we do not have to say a lot, He already knows our needs.
3. Start with _____ : pray for His Kingdom and thank Him for what He has done.
4. End with _____ : tell Him your needs and confess your sins.

*Remember, prayer is continual and two-way.