

Pray, then, in this way -

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The King and His Glory / Prayer / Matthew 6:9-13

In Matt 6:9-13, Jesus teaches His disciples the proper, God-honoring, and worshipful way to pray.

Pre-sermon Comments

[James 1:5](#) (LSB) ⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

If you have never had any difficulty in prayer, it is absolutely certain that you have never prayed. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

The habit of prayer is good, but the spirit of prayer is better. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

[Isaiah 33:2](#) (LSB) ² O Yahweh, be gracious to us; we have hoped in You. Be their strength every morning, Our salvation also in the time of distress.

Discussion Questions

Pastor Brandon mentions that asking God to help him pray led to more trials. How does this idea resonate with your understanding of God's purpose in allowing challenges?

In [Isaiah 33:2](#), the prophet's prayer is simple yet profound. What does this prayer teach us about the nature of effective prayer? How does it challenge our assumptions about what prayer should look like?

Martyn Lloyd-Jones referred to the Lord's Prayer as the "Disciples' Prayer." Why do you think he might have used this term? How does this shift your understanding of the prayer's purpose and application in our lives?

Introduction to our Text

[James 5:16](#) (LSB) ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

[Acts 27:34–35](#) (LSB) ³⁴ “Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your salvation, for not a hair from the head of any of you will perish.” ³⁵ And having said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all. And he broke it and began to eat.

[Acts 27:44](#) (LSB) ⁴⁴ and the rest *should follow*, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land.

[Acts 27:22–25](#) (LSB) ²² “And now I advise you to be cheerful, for there will be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship. ²³ “For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, ²⁴ saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.’ ²⁵ “Therefore, be cheerful, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

Sermon Text

[Matthew 6:9–13](#) (LSB) ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is 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 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.]’

Discussion Questions

In the story of John Flavel, what stands out to you about his faith and trust in God during the storm?

How does Paul's response to the storm in [Acts 27](#) demonstrate his confidence in God's promises?

What impact does knowing about historical figures like John Flavel have on your own faith and prayer life?

How can we be encouraged by the faith of believers who have faced persecution and trials?

Can you recall a time when you experienced or witnessed the power of prayer in a challenging situation? Share your experience.

How does understanding God's sovereignty influence the way you pray, especially in difficult circumstances?

Series Review

[Matthew 4:17](#) (LSB) ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

[Matthew 5:20](#) (LSB) ²⁰ "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

[Romans 3:21-23](#) (LSB) ²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Section Outline

In [Matthew 6:1](#), Jesus introduced three illustrative warnings depicting the grave danger of self-aggrandizing righteousness (or religiosity).

He warns all His disciples (including us) to beware of:

- Self-Centered Donations ([Matt 6:2-4](#)) [review]
- **Self-Centered Devotions ([Matt 6:5-15](#)) [today's sermon]**

- Self-Centered Deprivation ([Matt 6:16-18](#)) [future Sermon]

Section Review ([Matt 6:1](#))

[Matthew 6:1](#) (LSB) ¹ “Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

Beware of Self-Centered Donations ([Matt 6:2-4](#))

[Matthew 6:2-4](#) (LSB) ² “Therefore, when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³ “But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Beware of Self-Centered Devotions ([Matt 6:5-15](#))

He commands you to pray straight from your heart ([Matt 6:5a](#), [6:6](#), [6:7a](#))

[Matthew 6:5-7](#) (LSB) ⁵ “And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

[Luke 5:16](#) (LSB) ¹⁶ But He Himself would *often* slip away to the desolate regions and pray.

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[Matthew 6:6](#) (LSB) ⁶ “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

He commands you to pray sans the mindless habits ([Matt 6:7](#))

[Matthew 6:7](#) (LSB) ⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

[Matthew 6:8](#) (LSB) ⁸ “Therefore, do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

[Psalm 115:3](#) (LSB) ³ But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

Discussion Questions

Have you ever struggled with the desire for recognition when giving or serving? How did you address that struggle?

Jesus warns against praying like the hypocrites in [Matthew 6:5-7](#). What does it mean to pray "straight from your heart"? How can we ensure our prayers are sincere and not just rituals?

What are some ways we might unknowingly fall into "meaningless repetition" in our prayers? How can we cultivate a more meaningful and authentic prayer life?

In [Matthew 6:8](#), Jesus reminds us that God knows what we need before we ask Him. How does this truth affect the way we approach prayer and our relationship with God?

[Psalm 115:3](#) says, "But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases." How does recognizing God's sovereignty and power influence our prayer life and trust in Him?

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Sermon Outline

In [Matt 6:9-13](#), Jesus teaches His disciples the proper, God-honoring, and worshipful way to pray. We must pray trusting in:

- God’s Power and Sovereignty ([Matt 6:9-10](#))
- God’s Provision and Security ([Matt 6:11-13](#))

We must pray trusting in God’s Power and Sovereignty ([Matt 6:9-10](#))

We are to pray recognizing [Our Father’s Position \(Matt 6:9\)](#)

[Matthew 6:9](#) (LSB) ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Our Father is in heaven

[Psalm 11:4](#) (LSB) ⁴ Yahweh is in His holy temple; Yahweh’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

[Genesis 28:12](#) (LSB) ¹² Then he had a dream, and behold, a ladder stood on the earth with its top touching heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

[Acts 1:9-11](#) (LSB) ⁹ And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. ¹¹ They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you

into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

[1 Thessalonians 4:16–17](#) (LSB) ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

[2 Corinthians 12:2–4](#) (LSB) ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. ³ And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

Our relationship with the Father

[Mark 14:36](#) (LSB) ³⁶ And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”

[Romans 8:15](#) (LSB) ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received *the* Spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

[Galatians 4:6](#) (LSB) ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

God as our Father

AW Tozer: What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The most telling fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.

J.I. Packer: If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child and having God as his Father.

Jesus instructs us to pray to the Father.

[Matthew 11:25](#) (LSB) ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

[John 17:1](#) (LSB) ¹ Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

[Mark 14:36](#) (LSB) ³⁶ And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”

[Luke 23:46](#) (LSB) ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.” Having said this, He breathed His last.

The Apostles consistently prayed to the Father

[Acts 4:24–25](#) (LSB) ²⁴ And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, “O Master, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

²⁵ who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, ‘WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE VAIN THINGS?’

[Acts 4:27](#) (LSB) ²⁷ “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

[Colossians 1:3](#) (LSB) ³ We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

[1 Peter 1:17](#) (LSB) ¹⁷ And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your sojourn,

[Ephesians 3:14–16](#) (LSB) ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would

give you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

[Ephesians 5:20](#) (ESV) ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

[James 1:17](#) (LSB) ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

God in Heaven is our Father

We can live without fear

[1 John 4:18](#) (LSB) ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

Thomas Watson: God is our Father, and we are His children. This is a relationship of love. It is not a relationship based on fear, but on love.

We can trust we will never lack for the things we need

[Matthew 6:26](#) (LSB) ²⁶ “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”

[Matthew 6:28–29](#) (LSB) ²⁸ “And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.”

Matthew Henry: "Where God guides, He provides. He will never lead you where His grace cannot keep you."

Elisabeth Elliot: "God has promised to supply all our needs. What we don't have now, we don't need now."

We can always trust the He will never forsake or leave us

[Psalm 68:5-6](#) (LSB) A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy habitation. ⁶ God causes the lonely to inhabit a home; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

[Deuteronomy 31:6](#) (LSB) ⁶ “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or be in dread of them, for Yahweh your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

[Hebrews 13:5-6](#) (LSB) ⁵ *Make sure that your way of life is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”* ⁶ so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?”

Charles Spurgeon: "The child of God must not expect to be delivered from trouble, but to be delivered in trouble."

Corrie ten Boom: "If God sends us on strong paths, we are provided strong shoes."

We know it is best for us to obey Him

J.I. Packer: "True love for God is expressed in obedience. Not because we seek to earn His favor, but because we are grateful for the favor He has already bestowed upon us."

The apostles and disciples may have prayed directly to Jesus

[Acts 7:59-60](#) (LSB) ⁵⁹ They went on stoning Stephen as he was calling out and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” ⁶⁰ Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” And having said this, he fell asleep.

[Acts 7:55-56](#) (LSB) ⁵⁵ But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; ⁵⁶ and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

[Acts 9:3–6](#) (LSB) ³ And as he was traveling, it happened that when he was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴ and falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He *said*, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, ⁶ but rise up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”

[2 Corinthians 12:8–9](#) (LSB) ⁸ Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

[Romans 8:34](#) (LSB) ³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

[Hebrews 7:25](#) (LSB) ²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Praying to the Triune God

[Romans 8:26](#) (LSB) ²⁶ And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

[Matthew 6:9](#) (LSB) ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

We are not to pray to other gods, Mary, or the Saints

According to the Greek Orthodox Church: When an Orthodox Christian “prays to” a Saint, what we are really doing is asking that Saint to pray for us, to intercede before God for forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation. This is what the Church calls **intercessory prayer**. We are not devoting our lives to their service, for such worship and devotion belongs to God alone. Instead, we merely ask the Saint to pray for us, just as we would any other human being. The Scriptures themselves actively exhort us to do this for one another.

Discussion Questions:

How does understanding that God dwells in heaven impact our approach to prayer?

The sermon mentions that God is transcendent, dwelling beyond the physical universe. How does this transcendence emphasize the holiness and majesty of God?

What does it mean to you that we can address God as "Abba, Father" ([Mark 14:36](#); [Romans 8:15](#))? How does this personal relationship with God shape your prayer life?

In what ways might your understanding of God as Father be influenced by your relationship with your earthly father? How does the sermon challenge or affirm these perceptions?

How does the concept of God as the perfect Father, who never fails, encourage you in your spiritual walk? What comfort does this bring in times of fear or anxiety?

Consider the quote by J.I. Packer: "True love for God is expressed in obedience." How does this perspective influence your approach to following God's commands?

Why do you think Jesus and the apostles consistently prayed to the Father? How does this model shape your own prayers? How can you incorporate the biblical model of praying to the Father, in the name of the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into your daily prayer routine?

Discuss the importance of recognizing the distinct roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in prayer. How does this understanding deepen your reverence for God in your prayer life?

The sermon emphasizes the importance of praying to the Triune God rather than to other figures or saints. How does this understanding protect the purity of Christian worship and prayer?

How does knowing God as your Father help you live without fear, as mentioned in [1 John 4:18](#)? Can you share a time when this truth gave you peace in a fearful situation?

Conclusion and Communion:

Communion

The Lord's Table is:

- A time of remembrance, reflection, and confession
- Only for believers in Christ Jesus
- Those who have confessed sin

[1 Corinthians 11:23–31](#) (LSB) ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was being betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must test himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

The Gospel

God

Created and owns everything

[Gen 1:1](#)—*In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth*

[Psalm 24:1](#)—The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.

Is Perfectly Holy

[1 John 1:5](#)—This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

[Matt 5:48](#)—Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Requires perfect obedience to His Law

[James 2:10](#)—for whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Man

Has broken God's law

[Rom 3:10,23](#)—there is none righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Will pay the eternal penalty for his sin

[Rom. 6:23](#)—For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Cannot save himself by his good works

[Titus 3:5](#)—He saved us not based on works which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

Christ

Came to earth both as God and sinless man

[Col 2:9](#)—For in Him the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form

Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty

[Rom 5:8](#)—But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

[2 Cor 5:21](#)—He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rose from the grave and is alive today

[1 Cor 15:4](#)—And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Sinners

Must repent of all that dishonors God

[Isa 55:7](#)—Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

[Luke 9:23](#)—if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

[Rom 10:9](#)—that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Will you repent and believe in Christ?

[Acts 17:30](#)—therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Keith if you have any questions about this sermon or if you would like to know how to follow Christ.

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Additional Quotes

Other duties become pressing and absorbing and crowd out prayer. 'Choked to death' would be the coroner's verdict in many cases of dead praying if an

inquest could be secured on this dire, spiritual calamity. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Prayer without faith! What sort of prayer is it? It is the prayer of a man who does not believe in God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The goal of prayer is the ear of God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The armour is for the battle of prayer. The armour is not to fight in, but to shield us while we pray. Prayer is the battle. ~ **Oswald Chambers (Lecturer and Missionary)**

Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life, for all things else being equal, our prayers are only as powerful as our lives. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Remember that prayer is your best means of study. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is the sweat of the soul. ~ **Martin Luther (Founder of the German Reformation)**

Prayer is the thermometer of Divine Grace. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is a living thing—you cannot find a living prayer in a dead heart. Why seek you the living among the dead, or search the sepulcher to find the signs and tokens of life? No, Sir, if you have not been made alive by the Grace of God, you cannot pray! ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is the breath of faith. Prayer meetings are the lungs of the church. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is a serious thing. We may be taken at our words. ~ **Dwight Lyman Moody (Evangelist)**

Prayer will make you leave off sinning, or sinning will make you leave off praying. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

When your heart is like a boiling geyser, let it steam aloft in pillars of prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Do not reckon you have prayed until you have pleaded, for pleading is the very marrow of prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Our lives must be as holy as our prayers. ~ **Andrew Murray**

God can no more divest himself of his attribute of hearing prayer than of being.
~ **John Calvin (French Reformer)**

Prayer is the pulse of life. ~ **Andrew Murray**

Prayer is the chief exercise of faith. ~ **John Calvin (French Reformer)**

May we not draw some comfort from the thought that our prayers never are intrusions? ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

In reality, the denial of prayer is a denial of God himself. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Everything we do in the Christian life is easier than prayer. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Our prayers are only as powerful as our lives. In the long pull we pray only as well as we live. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

I know of no better thermometer to your spiritual temperature than this, the measure of the intensity of your prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The door is closed to prayer unless it is opened with the key of trust. ~ **John Calvin (French Reformer)**

O prayer! Prayer! It brings and keeps God and man together. It raises man up to God and brings God down to man. If you would keep your walk up with God, pray, pray without ceasing. ~ **George Whitefield (Methodist Evangelist)**

To give prayer the secondary place is to make God secondary in life's affairs. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Lifeless prayer is no more prayer than the picture of a man is a man. ~ **Thomas Watson**

What can be more excellent than prayer; what is more profitable to our life; what sweeter to our souls; what more sublime, in the course of our whole life, than the practice of prayer! ~ **Saint Augustine of Hippo**

God does nothing but in answer to prayer. ~ **John Wesley**

Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer. ~ **Oswald Chambers (Lecturer and Missionary)**

We are obliged to pray if we are citizens of God's Kingdom.... The gospel cannot live, fight, or conquer without prayer—prayer unceasing, instant, and ardent. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

We must wrestle earnestly in prayer, like men contending with a deadly enemy for life. ~ **John Charles Ryle (Bishop of Liverpool)**

Next Time:

We are to pray recognizing Our Father's Purview ([Matt 6:10](#))

We are to pray recognizing Our Father's Power ([Matt 6:10](#))

We must pray trusting in God's Provision and Security
([Matt 6:11-13](#))

We are to pray requesting Our Father's Provision ([Matt 6:11](#))

We are to pray requesting Our Father's Pardon ([Matt 6:12](#))

We are to pray requesting Our Father's Protection ([Matt 6:13](#))