



Today's Topic:

Our Father

Matthew 6:5-9

January 4, 2026

1. _____ Prayer

“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 others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 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.” Matthew 6:5-6 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____ Prayer

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Matthew 6:7-8 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ Prayer

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name....’” Matthew 6:9 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Why is prayer more than just asking God to do things for us?
2. Read Matthew 6:5-6. Why does Jesus contrast “praying to be seen” from praying “in secret”?
3. What is the good “reward” that we are encouraged to seek in prayer?
4. Read Matthew 6:7-8. Why is prayer more than simply a repetition of the “correct” words?
5. Why is it important to remember that God knows what we need before we ask Him?
6. Read Matthew 6:9. Why is it significant that we can address God as our “Father”?