
October 27, 2013

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SPIRITUAL PREPARATION: PRAYER
Matthew 6:5-10

Prayer is important. Matt. 6:5-9

- **When** we pray, not if we pray. Matt. 6:5-7; Luke 3:21, 4:42, 6:12, 9:18, 28-29; John 17:1-26; Matt. 26:36-46; Eph. 1:15-23, 3:14-20; Col. 1:3-13
- **Where** are we to pray? Matt. 6:5-6, 20:36-46; Luke 5:16, 6:12, 9:28, 23:39
- **What** are we to pray? Matt. 6:7-8; Acts 2:1, 6:12; 2 Chr. 16:9; Prov. 3:5-6
- **Who** do we pray to? Matt. 6:8-9, 7:11; John 1:12; Acts 10:34; 2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Pet. 1:4; Eph. 2:19, 1:3

Prayer is God's priority. Matt. 6:9

- God is a **holy** God. Matt. 6:9; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; James 1:13; Is. 43:10, 44:6-8, 45:5-7, 14, 18, 21
- God's reputation is on the **line** when we pray. Matt. 6:9; John 14:14; Ex. 20:1-7; Deut. 6:13; Ps. 34:3; Matt. 7:21; 1 Cor. 10:31; Matt. 5:16

Prayer is God's program. Matt. 6:10

- Focus on His rule and reign in **our** lives. Matt. 6:10, 33; John 3:30, 1:12; Luke 9:23; Matt. 20:28, 5:13-16; Mark 12:28-30
- Focus not on our kingdom but on **His** kingdom. Matt. 6:10; Luke 12:13-21; Matt. 25:14-31

Prayer is God's plan. Matt. 6:10

- We would surrender in obedience to His **will**, not our own. Matt. 6:10; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:2; John 8:44; Eph. 5:15-17; John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38
- We would be **willing** to carry out His will. Matt. 6:10; 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 1:8; John 4:35; 2 Pet. 3:9; Eph. 4:15-16; Mark 12:28-30