

## Matthew 6:5-10

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.<sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

- When you pray v5, v6, v7
  - Why pray?
    - **Philippians 4:6** “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”
    - **Hebrews 4:16** “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
    - **1 Timothy 4:4-5** “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup>for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.”
    - **Luke 22:40** “And when he came to the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation.’ “
  - When to pray?
    - **1 Thessalonians 5:17** “pray without ceasing,”
    - **Ephesians 6:18** “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
    - **Psalms 5:3** “O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.”
    - **Mark 1:35** “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”
- Hypocrites – actors – demonstrators – false appearance of virtue
  - **Matthew 23:27-28** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup>So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

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- **James 3:17** “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.”
- **1 John 4:20** “If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”
- **Titus 1:16** “They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.”
- **Matthew 15:7-9** You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ““This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””
- Into your room – authentic – private – in faith – not for show
  - **Luke 9:18** “Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”
  - **Luke 6:12** “In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.”
  - **Luke 5:16** “But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.”
- Empty phrases (ESV) – vain repetitions (KJV) – babbling (NIV) as the gentiles (ESV), heathen (KJV), pagans (NIV). Greek *ethnikós* G1482 “Ethnic”
  - “Pagans” do not know the Lord and are not his children
  - Roman religious practices: *Accurate naming was vital for tapping into the desired powers of the deity invoked, hence the proliferation of cult epithets among Roman deities.* (Wikipedia)
  - The “Lord’s Prayer” repeated and counted...
  - As though God is obligated due to the effort of the one praying and not because he loves
- Your Father knows
  - **Matthew 6:31-32** “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all”
  - **1 John 3:20** “for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”
  - **Matthew 10:29-30** “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”
  - **Psalms 139:4** “Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.”
  - **Psalms 37:4** “Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.”
- Pray

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- **Philippians 4:6** “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”
- **Colossians 4:2** “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving”
- **1 Timothy 2:1** “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,”
- Our
  - **Ephesians 4:4-7** “There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.”
  - **Ephesians 4:11-13** “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”
  - **John 17:20-23** “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”
- Father in heaven
  - **John 1:12-13** “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God”
  - **Romans 8:15** “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” “
  - **Mark 14:36** And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.
  - **Matthew 23:9** “And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.”
  - **Galatians 4:6** “And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” “
- Hallowed be your name – honor – holy – greatly revered
  - **Exodus 3:14** “God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ “
  - **Revelation 4:8** “And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” “

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- **Isaiah 57:15** “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”
- Your kingdom
  - **Matthew 25:34** “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”
  - **Matthew 7:21** “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
  - **1 Corinthians 15:50** “I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”
  - **Romans 14:17** “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
- Your will
  - **1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor”
  - **Mark 3:35** “For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”
  - **Romans 12:1-2** “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:18** “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
- On earth as in heaven
  - **Matthew 16:19** “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
  - **Matthew 18:18** “Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”
  - **Matthew 28:18** “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
  - **Ephesians 1:9-10** “making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”