

## Matthew 6:5-15 **Commandments of Jesus regarding Prayer – Model Prayer**

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

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 forgive 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.

14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### Commandments regarding effective Prayer [Matthew 6:5-8]

- ✠ Do not be like the hypocrites, who make the long flowery public prayers meant to impress men.
  - ✧ When people praise you for such a wonderful prayer, you have received your reward from them. No other reward is due.
- ✠ When you pray, go into your room, shut your door, and pray to your Father in secret.
  - ✧ Prayer to God is not for public display, but is in secret between God and yourself.
- ✠ Do not be like the heathen, who use vain repetition in their prayers thinking they will be heard because of their many words.
  - ✧ God knows what you need before you ask Him.
- ✠ Therefore, do not be like them.

#### Model Form of Acceptable Prayer

- ✠ The Model prayer is not intended for continual public recitation, but is meant to be a model of the factors to be considered in forming a prayer to God.
- ✠ The prayer Jesus gave that express the deepest desires of His heart is found in: [John 17:1-26]
- ✠ **Pray in this manner, or after this pattern:** [Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]  
Still the text in Luke says: "When you pray, say:"  
The following is the prayer analyzed:

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. [Matthew 6:9, Luke 11:2]

- ❖ First be sure you know Who you are addressing, so it is not some other god.
- ❖ Realize that even the Name of Yehowah is Holy.

Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. [\[Matthew 6:10, Luke 11:2\]](#)

- ❖ This is praying the Will of God, which God will hear. [\[1 John 5:14\]](#)
- ❖ The major theme of Old Testament prophecy and the teachings of Jesus, have to do with the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ That was the subject Jesus spoke of for the forty days after His resurrection when He appeared to His disciples. [\[Acts 1:1-3\]](#)
- ❖ When Christ reigns as King of kings, and Lord of lords, God's Will certainly will be done on the entire earth just as it now is being done in heaven, fulfilling this request.

Give us this day our daily bread. [\[Matthew 6:11, Luke 11:3\]](#)

- ❖ After you have prayed God's Will, then make your request for what you need.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors (for we also forgive). [\[Matthew 6:12, Luke 11:4\]](#)

- ❖ When you ask for forgiveness, be sure that you are also willing to forgive others.
- ❖ Remember Jesus' teaching on this point. [\[Matthew 6:14-15, 18:23-35\]](#)

And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. [\[Matthew 6:13, Luke 11:4\]](#)

- ❖ God does not tempt anyone. [\[James 1:13\]](#)
- ❖ The Spirit led Jesus into the Wilderness to be tempted by Satan. [\[Matthew 4:1\]](#)
- ❖ We need to be protected from the evil one Satan who brings the temptations.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. [\[Matthew 6:13\]](#)

- ❖ The model prayer concludes by acknowledging that the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, belong to God forever.
- ❖ This will be visible when Christ sets up His Kingdom here on earth for a thousand years.

### Concluding statement regarding forgiveness

- ✚ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [\[Matthew 6:14, Luke 6:37\]](#)
- ✚ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. [\[Matthew 6:15\]](#)
- ✧ It is sobering to realize that God will use our own attitude, as one of the considerations on the day of judgment.
- ✧ It is vitally important to treat others as we want to be treated, because in the end it will show in the day of judgment and impact our own destiny.