

Prayer Teach Me

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

5 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need. 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-10 NLT

6 Then he said to me, "This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Zechariah 4:6 NLT

Key Points

- Prayer is not a performance
- Prayer is about His will, not mine
- Prayer is not a list of demands
- Prayer is humbling
- Prayer is about submission
- Prayer is vital

- What is prayer?

//Prayer is not a performance

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray.

Read *Matthew 6:5-13*.

- What do you think God wants your prayer life to look like?
- How is your conversation with God different from other conversations you have?

//Prayer is about His will, not mine

- Hindsight is twenty-twenty. Looking back, what are some prayers that you prayed that God answered differently than you expected. How did you feel about that then? Now?

//Prayer is not a list of demands

- What do your prayers say about your dependence on God?

//Prayer is humbling

- How does forgiving others free you?

//Prayer is about submission

- How does complete submission to God look in your life?
- How can you tell if you aren't completely submitted to God?
- How does your prayer life change when you aren't completely submitted to God?

//Prayer is vital!

- What are some things you believe God expects from your prayers that you feel makes it more difficult to pray?
- What is one step you can take to go deeper in your prayer life this week?