

## WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT PRAYER, PART 2

### Matthew 6

Who is a greater example of a man of prayer than Christ Himself? Despite the fact that He was God walking among us in human form, He felt the need to spend hours in prayer with the Father. Often at night, while the others were asleep, Jesus was praying. His disciples, observing this, came to Him one day and said, “Lord teach us to pray.”

Jesus, in the Lord’s Prayer—the model and template for all prayer—teaches us the following:

### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **It starts with Our Father who art in heaven.** How is it that God can be our Father? What does that mean? If you want to know what kind of Father we have in heaven, just take a long look at Jesus. He said in John 8:19, “If you had known me, you would have known also my Father” (KJV). What is the Father in heaven like? He is just like Jesus.
2. **To start with adoration and praise for the Father.** Take time to worship the Lord. Sometimes we are so enamored with getting presents from God we fail to bask in His presence.
3. **To set apart my life and character for Christ and live a holy life.** “Hallowed be thy name” means “Set apart is Your name, Lord, and I want to be set apart for God in everything that I do.”
4. **To pray in effect for the return of Jesus Christ to the earth.** I am saying, “Come back and come back really soon.” That is a good thing for a Christian to pray. As John said, “Even so, come Lord Jesus.” Can you pray that right now? Just think about your life. Can you say, “Lord come. I am ready.”
5. **To pray, “Lord rule in my life.”** Not my will but Yours be done. Trust the Lord in all of these areas. You may be in a Gethsemane right now. Here is what you need to remember: It’s better to be in a storm with Jesus than anywhere else without Him.
6. **To affirm that everything we have comes from God.** When I am saying, “Give me this day my daily bread,” I am not only asking God to provide it in the future. I am acknowledging who gave it to me in the present. It is an affirmation that everything that we have comes from God.
7. **To pray regularly for forgiveness and to extend forgiveness to others.** Constant forgiveness of others should be the natural result of our understanding of the forgiveness God has extended to us.
8. **To pray, “Lord, don’t let me be tempted above my capacity to resist.”** 1 Corinthians 10:13 says, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (NLT).

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES



### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- The Lord's Prayer isn't just a template for prayer; it is a template for living as a follower of Jesus Christ.
- When you pray, remember ACTS. A for adoration. C for confession. T for thanksgiving. S for supplication.

### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

This privilege of prayer is only for the Christian. The nonbeliever does not have this kind of communication with God. You can say your prayers all you want but it's not the same as praying. Prayer is only for the person who has come into a relationship with the Lord.