

**Praying Like Jesus**  
**Luke 11:1-4; Mt 6:5-13**  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about prayer from Christ.

- Intro:
1. Prayer is an important part of the Christian life.
  2. However, there are also a lot of misunderstandings about prayer.
  3. Today we will look at what are the requirements of godly prayer & what we can learn from Christ's "model" prayer.

**I. Requirements of Godly prayer**

- A. Do not be like the hypocrites (Mt 6:5-6)
  1. How the hypocrites pray- only to be seen by men (**Mt 6:5**)
  2. How you should pray – do not make prayer a public spectacle, it is a time of communication between you and God (**Mt 6:6**).
- B. Do not be like the heathens (Mt 6:7-8)
  1. How the heathens pray – using vain (empty) repetitions (**Mt 6:7**)
    - a. Some foolishly think a lengthy prayer is more godly. Christ makes it clear that a lengthy prayer is not necessarily a godly prayer.
  2. How you should pray – 1<sup>st</sup>, do not be like them, your Father knows what we need. A lengthy prayer does not tell God more than He already knows (**Mt 6:8**).
- C. Keeping prayer Godly.
  1. The purpose of prayer is to bring our cares, concerns and worries to God (**Heb 4:16**).
  2. Prayer in worship should be similar in nature as well.
    - a. It is not a time to repeat the lesson, air grievances, or anything similar.
    - b. It is a time of bringing our pleas to God on behalf of the congregation and those who need His aide.

**II. What we can learn from Christ's "Model" Prayer.**

- A. Christ taught the disciples how to pray (**Lk 11:1**).
  1. Their request is one we should consider today.
    - a. They wanted to model everything they did after Christ, and so should we.
  2. John had previously taught disciples how to pray, now they seek the guidance of Christ as to how they ought to pray.
    - a. There is only in wisdom in their humble desire.
- B. Jesus's example (Lk 11:2-4)
  1. "Our Father in Heaven". (v.2)
    - a. First is an acknowledgment of who God is and where He is.
    - b. He is our Father, we are His children.
    - c. In dwells in Heaven, the same place His children will one day dwell.
  2. "Hallowed be your name" (v.2)
    - a. We need to remember than our heavenly Father is holy.
  3. "Thy Kingdom Come" (v.2)
    - a. His kingdom has come (Acts 2)
  4. "Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven" (v.2)

- a. Today we need to know what God's will is and then do it.
- b. His word reveals to us His will.
- c. This shows our love to God by knowing and doing His will (**Jn 14:15**).
- 5. "Give us day by day our daily bread" (**v.3**)
  - a. God is good, and will provide for us food to eat. We should thank Him for that.
  - b. He does this daily. He provides for us, so we should provide faithfulness to Him (Mt 6:33).
- 6. "And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us" (**v.4a**)
  - a. If we are to have forgiveness we must also offer forgiveness to others.
- 7. "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one." (**v.4b**)
  - a. God does not lead us to temptation, but He can provide deliverance from temptation and from the devil.

### III. Lessons for us today.

#### A. The Lord hears the prayers of the saints.

##### 1. **1 John 5:15**

- 2. We must bring our requests (petitions) to God the right way, when we do so He will answer our request.

#### B. We should carefully consider how Christ prayed.

##### 1. **Christ's prayer honored God because it acknowledged who He is and that He is holy.**

##### 2. **This was done BEFORE any request by man was made.**

### Application & Conclusion:

- 1. When we approach God in prayer we need to make sure it is done in a way that is appropriate.
- 2. We make prayer a mockery if we do not remember with whom we are communicating with.
- 3. Full Invitation

### Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

### Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9