

BIBLICAL APPROACH TO PRAYER

**Prayer is communication
with God.**

**Prayer connects us to God
and makes his power
effective in our lives.**

How Not to Pray

Matthew 6:5,7-8

5 “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.

7 “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.

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

How to Pray

6 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.

- Don't pray like a pharisee.

Elements of Jesus' Prayer Template

Firstly, we must focus on God

Our Father in Heaven

Holy is your Name

Your Kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as in heaven

9 Pray then like this:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name*

*10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Elements of Jesus' Prayer Template

*11 Give us this day
our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Secondly, we present our needs

Provision

Our daily supplies

Forgive us our debts

Just like we forgive others

Divine direction

We need God's help

Elements of Jesus' Prayer Template

Forgive when you pray

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Forgiving others is a choice with corresponding results.
God does for us what we do for others!

**And finally, we declare his Lordship,
Kingship and Grandeur**

For Yours is the kingdom
and the power,
and the glory, forever
Amen.

**Pray in line
with the Word of God
if you want to see
all your prayers answered.**