

Introduction: What happens to a relationship with _____?
Usually it is not that two people stop communicating, it is they stop communicating about things that _____ / This passage tells us the things that are _____ to God.

- This passage does not address why we should pray, but _____ we should pray,
- This instruction was given to people who prayed _____.
- This passage recognizes that prayer is _____. Jesus acknowledges that both hypocrites and non believers pray
- This is _____ the Lord's Prayer (John 17) it is a model prayer- an example to follow.
- This passage does not condemn _____, but the assumption that the longer you pray the greater the chance your prayer will be heard.
- This passage does not condemn _____ prayer. It condemns those who pray in order to be seen. It condemns prayer whose goal is to impress others. The Bible has numerous examples of public and corporate prayers (Act 4)
- This passage tells us that prayer must be _____ - even by people who grew up praying.
- This passage tells us 1) How not to pray and 2) How to pray.
- The Model prayer has two sections: First, God's concerns will be given priority ... ('your name, your kingdom ..., your will ...'). Secondly, our own needs, though demoted to second place, will yet be comprehensively committed to him ('Give us ..., forgive us ..., deliver us ...'). Everybody knows that the Lord's prayer is in these two parts, concerned first with the glory of God and then with the needs of man... John Stott

Key thought: We are to pray to our Father for _____ and for our provision.
What is prayer? Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies. Westminster Shorter Catechism How to pray Jesus way?

- I. Approach prayer with the _____ - MT. 6:5-8
 - A. Be _____ - (vs 5) Remember a hypocrite is an actor. They are playing a role. So when a hypocrite prays they are playing a role " (Luke 18:9-14
 1. Don't try to impress others- You have to ask who am I really praying to? We are social creatures. Prayer is to be a conversation with God.
 2. Don't try to impress God. (Isaiah 66:1) (1 Kings 18:26-29)
 - B. Be _____ (vs 6) (Matthew 14:23 Who is their to impress when you are alone?
 - C. Be _____ - (Matthew 6:7-8)
 1. We should be honest about how we feel. (Psalm 42:1-4)
 - a) What we are thirsty for
 - b) What we are sad about
 - c) What we are thinking? (Psalm 42:9-10)
 2. What do we want? (Matthew 26:36-39), Jesus repeated this prayer 3x. It is meaningless repetition, not repetition Jesus is condemning.
- II. Remember who you are praying to- _____ (vs 6). "Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:8, ESV)
 - A. This should encourage not discourage prayer- God can do something about it.
 - B. This offers confidence because God will not do things that will harm us. It helps us experiment in prayer
 - C. The better you know the Father, the better the conversation.

III. Use the model Jesus gave us. "This then is who you should pray..." Mt. 6:9-15 Six parts of Prayer:

- A. _____: I begin by expressing my love to God. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" Two kinds of praise:
1. Adoration- praising God for who he is. (Psalm 136:1)
 2. Thanksgiving- Praising God for what he has done." Ps. 100:4
 3. How to praise God? When you read Scripture ask the passage, what does this passage tell me about God? Then turn it into a prayer: God I praise you because _____. Also read a Psalm to begin your prayer time.
- B. _____: I pray for God's will and purpose in my life and the world. You might be praying in secret and praying alone, but you are not simply being personal and small. This is an radical prayer.
1. Pray for God's will to be done... in my family... my church... my ministry... my job...my future... my city... the nation... the world.
 2. "Offer yourself as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer." Romans 12:2 (GN)
- C. _____: I ask God to provide for needs. What needs can I pray about? All of them. Phil 4:19; James 4:2
1. The key: Be Specific. "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phil. 4:6 Write down all the things you are worrying about in detail and pray about each one and claim any promise related to them.
The reminder: we are asking for needs, not wants or luxuries. OT Manna in the wilderness
- D. _____: I ask God to forgive my sins. "Forgive us our debts..." "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8–10, ESV)
- Four Steps to Forgiveness
1. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal every sin."Examine me, O God and know my mind; test me and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me." Ps. 139:23,24 Make a list
 2. Confess each sin individually. "You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you." Pr. 28:13 (GN)
 3. Make restitution to others when necessary. Remember we cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with others. Mt. 5:23,24 As we forgive those who trespass against us. Our relationships with others affect our prayers! "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers." (1 Peter 3:7, NIV84)
 4. By faith, accept God's forgiveness. "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared." (Psalm 130:3–4, NIV84)
- E. _____: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1–2, ESV)
1. If you want to know how to pray for others.... Eph. 1:15-19; Col. 1:3-12; 1 Thess. 1:2,3; 2 Thess. 1:11,12 Personalize them for others
- F. _____: I ask for protection from the evil one. (vs 13) Believers face a spiritual battle every day. Satan wants to defeat you through temptation and fear. By praying for protection, you will have the confidence to face every situation during the day. "The spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit who is in those who belong to the world." 1 Jn. 4:4 (GN)

Conclusion: "Lord teach us to pray" Luke 11:1