

Start the Ultimate Relationship

Matthew 6: 5-15

⁵And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.' ¹⁴For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

b what to say 6:6-15

i God's concern 6:9-10

- make your name holy 9
- make your kingdom come 10a
- make your will be done 10b

ii Our concern 6:11-15

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1 Start the Ultimate Relationship:

2 Who ?

3 How ?

a relationship not religion 6:5-8

4 Start the Ultimate Relationship?

Dear Father in Heaven,
Help us to treat your name as holy,
Help us to recognise your rule,
Help us to do your will.
Please look after us physically.
Please look after us spiritually.
Forgive us – because of Jesus' death.
Help us to forgive others.
Keep us from being led away.
Amen