

“Lord, Teach us to pray...”  
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“When you pray...”  
Matthew 6:5-8

**THE POINT:** When you pray...remember who you're talking to.

1. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - v.5

We don't pray to \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - v.6

We don't pray to \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - vv.7-8

## Questions for personal reflection & small group study:

We don't pray to inform God -

**RESPONSE** (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

Scripture text: **Matthew 6:5-8**

(read in several translations if available)

1. What are the implications for us of Jesus' statements “*When you pray...*”?

2. What are some of the common indicators of or cautions we need to take to keep from 'praying to impress' others?

3. How is private prayer different than public prayer?

And how can private prayer then help us pray better publicly?

4. What might motivate 'babbling like pagans' & 'many words' [NIV]/ 'repeating words over and over again' [NLT] / 'long prayers' [CEV]?

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And how might we guard against that becoming a habit or formula in our own prayer life?

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***From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:***

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?