Daily Bible Reading Plan
Matthew 6:5-8

Jesus teaches us that prayer is not about impressing people—it is about genuinely seeking our Father.

Monday, October 26, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus begins by addressing the motives behind prayer. Some people prayed publicly because they wanted others to notice them. Their prayers may have sounded spiritual, but their hearts were focused on receiving attention.

Jesus reminds us that prayer is first about our relationship with God—not about how we appear to others.

Apply: Before you pray today, ask yourself: Am I seeking God, or am I seeking the approval of people? Let prayer become a genuine conversation with your Father rather than a performance for others.

Respond: Thank God that you can come to Him personally and honestly.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus points His followers toward a private place of prayer. The “closet” represents a place where distractions and the desire for public recognition can be set aside so we can focus on God.

Private prayer may never be seen by anyone else, but it is never unseen by God.

Apply: Make time today to pray privately without your phone, distractions, or an audience. Give God your full attention and talk honestly with Him.

Respond: Ask God to help you establish a consistent private prayer life.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus warns against “vain repetitions”—words repeated mechanically or excessively because someone thinks more words will make God listen.

God is not impressed by the length or eloquence of our prayers. He cares about the heart behind them.

Apply: Don’t worry about finding the perfect words when you pray. Speak honestly and simply. God wants you to come to Him as your Father.

Respond: Ask God to make your prayers sincere rather than impressive.

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus repeatedly calls God **“**your Father**.”** Prayer is not simply approaching a distant God with a list of requests. Through Christ, believers can approach God as their loving Father.

This changes the way we pray. We come with confidence, dependence, humility, and trust.

Apply: Think about what it means that the God of the universe invites you to call Him Father. Let that truth shape the way you approach Him today.

Respond: Thank God for allowing you to know Him as Father.

Friday, October 30, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus says that our Father already knows what we need before we ask. Prayer does not give God information He lacks. Instead, prayer expresses our dependence upon Him and brings our hearts into alignment with His will.

We pray because we need God—not because God needs us to explain everything to Him.

Apply: Bring your needs to God today, but do so with trust. Instead of trying to control the outcome, ask God to help you trust His wisdom and timing.

Respond: Thank God for knowing your needs even before you ask.

Saturday, October 31, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Explain: Jesus is not merely teaching us how to pray; He is teaching us how to approach God. Prayer is an opportunity to know and enjoy our Father, depend upon Him, worship Him, confess our sins, seek His direction, and bring our needs before Him.

Prayer is not a performance. It is relationship.

Apply: Evaluate your prayer life. Are you primarily focused on what you say, how long you pray, or what others think—or are you focused on spending time with your Father?

Choose one practical step you can take to make prayer a deeper part of your relationship with God.

Respond: Ask God to help you make prayer a daily priority.

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:5-8

Prayer is not about impressing God or impressing people. It is about coming honestly before your Father.

This week, find a regular place and time where you can meet privately with God. Put away distractions, speak honestly, listen to His Word, and remember that your Father sees, knows, and cares.