



LET US PRAY

#3 WHEN TO PRAY

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV) And 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 others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But 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. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

1. **PRAY** _____.

Matthew 6:5-7 (NIV) And when you pray... But when you pray... And when you pray...

Matthew 6:11 (NIV) Give us today our daily bread.

Mark 1:35 (NIV) Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

2. **PRAY** _____.

Keeping an ongoing, open conversation with God:

- Reminds us of our need for Him;

- Keeps us on track and connected with Him;
- Sensitizes us to His guidance throughout our day.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) pray continually ...

3. PRAY _____.

Luke 6:12-13 (NIV) One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

Matthew 14:19 (NIV) And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Matthew 26:36 (NIV) Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

4. PRAY _____.

Matthew 14:20-23 (NIV) They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray...

Why is prayer after important? It:

- Reminds us to give God the glory.
- Develops our gratitude.
- Keeps pride at bay.

- Keeps entitlement from developing.

5. PRAY _____.

James 5:13 (NIV) Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray ...

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

6. PRAY _____.

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 4:24 (NIV) When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

Acts 12:5 (NIV) So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

Ephesians 6:18-20 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.