

COME, GROW & GO 12-WEEK DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY

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Theme: Prayer That Connects

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Power Word: PRAYER

God Desires Relationship
Matthew 6:5-13

Who God Is: God is the Creator of my life. He is relational and attentive.
How We Follow Him: I pray to God as Father, Jesus as Savior and align my heart with His will for my life.

COME

Matthew 6:5-13
Jesus teaches His disciples the right way to communicate with God.



GO

Read Mathew 6

Set aside a specific time each day to pray.

Use the Model Prayer as a guide: praise, surrender, confess, and trust God.

Ask Holy Spirit to help you be more committed to quiet time in prayer.
**Learn to be led by Him.*

God loves spending time with you.

GROW

The True Meaning of Prayer

1. **Prayer Flows From Relationship, Not Performance**: Jesus confronts the temptation to turn spiritual practices into public displays. (vv. 5-6)
2. **Prayer is Rooted in Trust, Not Technique**: Jesus addresses empty repetition and useless words. Prayer is not about impressing God. (vv. 7-8)
3. **Prayer Aligns Us With the Father's Heart:** The Lord's Prayer gives instructions without becoming a script. (vv. 9-13)

- **Identity**: "Our Father" - We belong to Him. v.9a)
- **Worship**: "Hallowed be Your name" - God first. (v.9b)
- **Mission**: "Your kingdom come" - Participation in His will. (v.10)
- **Dependence**: "Daily bread" - Our ongoing reliance. (v.11)
- **Restoration**: Forgiveness received and extended. (v.12)
- **Protection:** Guidance, deliverance, and reverence. (v.13)

My Prayer Response

Thank you, God, for being my Almighty Father. I seek to obey Your Word, stay dependent on You,
and forgive myself and others.
I need You. I will serve and worship You forever!
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.

Notes:

POWER Words

Here is a list of words with definitions and Scripture that describe "**Prayer**":

- **Supplication**: A humble and earnest entreaty made to God, often accompanied by a deep sense of need and reverence, as seen in biblical texts like *Philippians 4:6*.
- **Meditation**: A spiritual discipline where one reflects on God's Word and His attributes, aiming to deepen their understanding and relationship with Him, as encouraged in *Psalm 1:2*.
- **Invocation**: The act of earnestly calling upon God for guidance, strength, or comfort, reflecting the biblical practice of seeking divine presence, as demonstrated in *Psalm 18:6*.
- **Devotion**: A heartfelt commitment and loyalty to God and His teachings, characterized by regular practices of faith, as exemplified in *Acts 2:42*.
- **Worship**: The act of showing profound adoration and reverence for God, both individually and collectively, as expressed in *John 4:24*.
- **Petition**: A specific request made to God, seeking His intervention or aid, as illustrated in *1 John 5:14-15*.
- **Liturgy**: A structured form of worship that includes prayer, scripture reading, and meditation, reflecting the order and reverence found in biblical worship practices, as seen in *1 Corinthians 14:26*.