



SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE | SUNDAY, JULY 26

Matthew 6:9-13 *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

1. What exactly is prayer?

- The Miriam Webster definition of prayer is simply put as “an address or petition to God in word or thought.”
- Prayer is _____ specific things from God and _____ them.
- Prayer is having _____ fellowship with God. It's not just talking **to** God, but _____ God.

2. The _____ of Prayer

a. _____ (Matthew 6:9)

- Hallowed means “holy, revered and honored.”
- Adoration is the most important way to begin prayer because it helps us to have our heart, soul, mind, and strength fully _____ on our GREAT BIG GOD.

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

- Acknowledge God for _____ He is to us, and focus our thoughts on Him alone.

b. _____ (Matthew 6:12)

- This next element is where we purposely ask God for _____, and trust Him to cleanse us from our sin.
 - Our confession of sin at the time of salvation is vital to getting saved.
 - Our confession of sin after salvation is not to stay saved, but to stay in _____ with Christ.
- When we confess our sins, God forgives _____.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- A great tip is to keep short accounts with God (Psalm 32)
- God doesn't keep throwing our sin back at us once _____.

Isaiah 43:25 *I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*

- It is the Devil that _____ our sin over our heads even after confession

c. _____

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

- This element is the time we take to acknowledge that all of our blessings come from God alone.

James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

- Be careful not to _____ that God sees our gratitude, but rather, make it very clear to Him daily.

d. _____ (Matthew 6:11)

- This element is when we bring our _____ to God.
- With the multitudes of needs we may have, be careful not to be too _____.

3. The _____ of our Prayer

Ephesians 5:16 *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

- The quality of our prayer is far more important than the quantity.

a. We should pray with _____!

- Fervently means "very enthusiastically, passionately."
- Our prayer should be _____ driven.

b. We should pray _____.

- Nothing will _____ prayer more than living in sin.
- The key to answered prayer is having proper _____ with God.

c. We should pray _____.

Matthew 6:7 *But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*

- Prayer is not a _____ that we memorize and utter on a daily basis.
- God wants to hear something _____, something personal, something real.

d. We should pray in _____.

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.*

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

- God is more than willing to help, but He wants to help those that _____ He can help.