

# **“Are You ‘Prayin’ or Just ‘Sayin’?”**

## **Sermon Slides**

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### **Prayer Pop Quiz**

- What is prayer?
- Why should we pray?
- When should we pray?
- Who should pray?
- Who should we pray to?
- Where should we pray?
- How should we pray?

“Too many of us have thought the grace of God was equal to the forgiveness of God. No, the grace of God is far greater than simple synonym for the forgiveness of God. That does not diminish the forgiveness of God-which is of course majestic and priceless. It is just the first taste we get of the grace of God. And we are to receive of the abundance of that grace.”

– Bob Hoekstra

### **Romans 5:17**

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

### **1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (ESV)**

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.  
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

### **2 Peter 3:18**

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

### **2 Peter 1:3**

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence.

### **1 Peter 2:2-3**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good

### **James 1:22**

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

### **Luke 11:1-4 (ESV)**

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

**Matthew 6:5-15 (ESV)**

- 5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- 7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
- 9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 Give us this day our daily bread,
- 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
- 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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**Matthew 6:7 (NLT)**

- 7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.

"Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when, upon his knees, he comes face to face with God"  
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

**John 1:11-13 (ESV)**

- 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
- 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Galatians 4:6-7 (ESV)**

- 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Romans 8:15-17 (ESV)**

- 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**Matthew 6:31-32 (ESV)**

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'  
32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

**Mark 14:36 (ESV)**

36 And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian as opposed to merely Jewish, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God.

"Father" is the Christian name for God.

J.I. Packer

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**Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)**

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**Psalms 97:9 (ESV)**

9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)**

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Matthew 6:9 (ESV)**

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.