

## THE MODEL PRAYER

**Request:** David Stockman, a captain of one of our Prayer football teams sent in this request for a study that he could share with his prayer team, the Model Prayer of Jesus given during the Sermon on the Mount.

“This remarkable discourse of Jesus has first of all an omnitemporal moral application, and hence its principles are applicable to the Christian.” (Unger Bible Dict., pg.997)

**We will begin with a homiletical outline of this Model of Prayer given by Jesus.**

<b>Command</b>	(Matt.6:1)	Warning and Obedience
<b>Contrast</b>	(Matt.6:5-8)	Motive and Method
<b>Communication</b>	(Matt.6:9-15)	Praise and Petition

- **The command** was given before the study on the Model of Prayer in Matt.6:1 (prosecho / p.a.impv.2pl).

Prosecho means to turn one’s attention to a specific thing in order to be on guard regarding it. Or beware! How was prosecho applied to the Model Prayer? What was the warning? Why was obedience important?

This was further discussed in Matt.6:5-8.

- **The contrast** in Matt.6:5-8 was given to illustrate the dangers for the warning. Jesus illustrated the warning by negative and positive motives and methods associated with the Model Prayer.

### Motive

Negative	(Matt.6:5)	seen by men - public
Positive	(Matt.6:6)	seen by God - private

### Method

Negative	(Matt.6:7)	heard by men – meaningless words
Positive	(Matt.6:8)	heard by God – meaningful words

What does God desire from the prayer life of a believer?

- **Proper communication** is one of the key factors in Jesus’ Model Prayer. Jesus commands His disciples, “pray in this manner (proseuchomai / p.a.impv.2pl / oun houtos) [model].”

### Praise to God, the Father

Thy name	(Matt.6:9)	hallowed (hagiazo / a.p.impv.2pl) [to regard holy]
Thy kingdom	(Matt.6:10a)	come (erchomai / a.a.impv.2pl)
Thy will	(Matt.6:10b)	be done (ginomai / a.a.impv.2pl) [“on earth as it is in heaven.”]

### Petition to God, the Father

Our daily bread	(Matt.6:11)	give (didomi / a.a.impv.2pl)
Our debt	(Matt.6:12)	forgive (aphiemi / a.a.impv.2pl) [just as] (hos / comparative)
Our deliverance	(Matt.6:13)	deliver (rhuomai / a.a.impv.2pl) [evil] (tou pneros)
Our duty	(Matt.6:14-15)	if (3cc) you forgive and if you do not forgive (aphiemi / a.a.subj.2p) [me] and your transgressions (ta paraptoma) (Matt.6:12; Ps.66:18; James 4:3; Eph.4:30-32; 1 John 1:9)

**We will summarize the Model Prayer with the following six doctrinal principles.**

- 1. Prayer was designed by God to be a righteous act of the believer.**

(Matt.6:1; 5:20) \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Prayer directed to man in the name of God get praise from man but not from God**

(Matt.6:5-8) \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Jesus attacked the motive of prayer but not the method of prayer**

(Matt.6:5-8) \_\_\_\_\_

(Luke 18:9-14) \_\_\_\_\_

(James 4:3) \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Forgiving others is an essential part of an effective prayer life**

(Matt.6:12-15) \_\_\_\_\_

(Eph.4:30-32) \_\_\_\_\_

(Col.3:8-15) \_\_\_\_\_

(Ps.66:18) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 John 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Prayer is an important force against the influence of evil in a believer's life**

(Matt.6:13) \_\_\_\_\_

(Matt.26:40-42) \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 7:54-60) \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. All prayer is directed to the Father (Matt.6:9) in the name of Jesus (John 14:12-14) by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Jude 20) according to the will of God (1 John 5:14-15) and not according to the will of man (Matt.6:7-8, 10).**