

Praying the Jesus Way

The Lord's Prayer

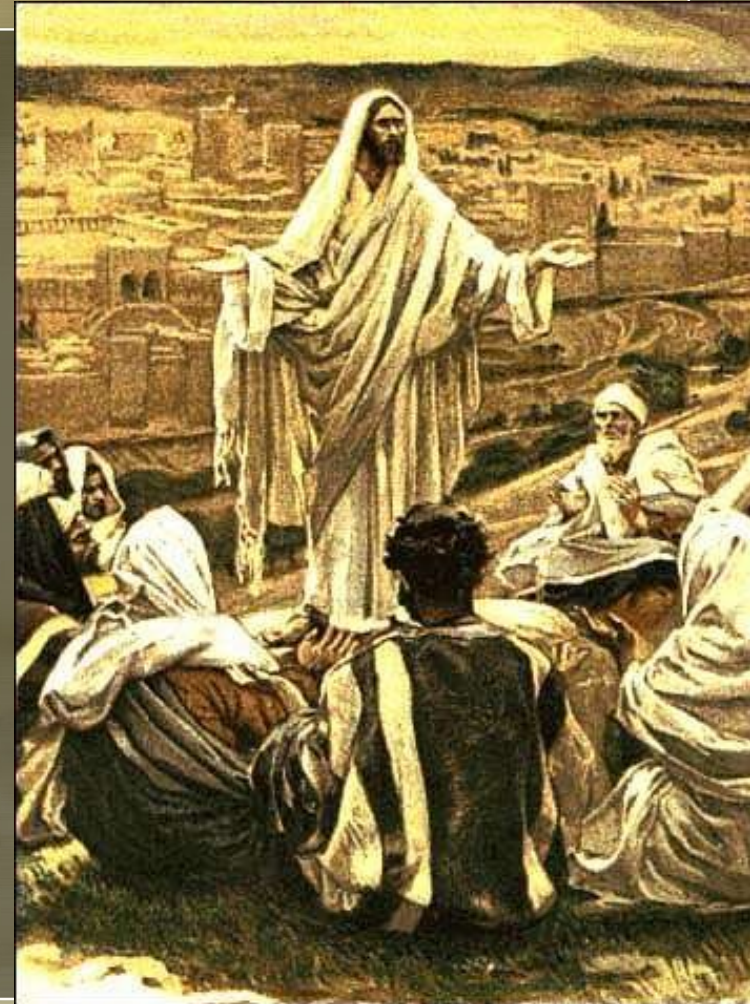
Matthew 6: 5-8

“Pray then like this....”



The Lord's Prayer

- The Rainbow of Prayer
- **Praying the Jesus Way**
- Approaching: Our Father in Heaven
- Adoring: Hallowed be thy name
- Acknowledging: Thy kingdom come
- Asking: Give us this day our daily bread
- Admitting: And forgive us our trespasses
- Accepting: Thy will be done
- Adhering: The kingdom, and the power, and the glory
- Structure of the Lord's Prayer
- Features of the Lord's Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer in the Church
- The Lord's Prayer in the Marketplace
- Thy kingdom come
- Lead us not into temptation
- Deliver us from evil
- The Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory
- Amen



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“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 men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 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. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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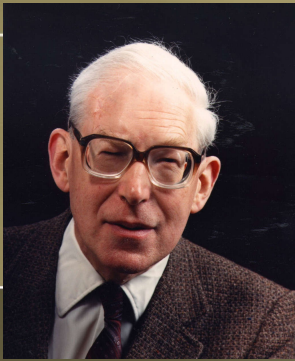
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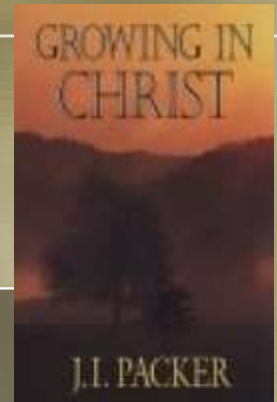
Some disturbing truths about prayers

- Not all prayers is good and pleasing to God
- Time spent in prayer is not necessary well spent
- Unconfessed sins hinder our prayers
- God answers the prayers of Christians and non-Christians
- For a Christian, praying should be as natural as breathing





J.I. Packer




“It is not too much to say that *God made us to pray*; that prayer is (not the easiest, but) the *most natural activity* in which we ever engage; and that prayer is the *measure of us* all in God’s sight.”

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How to Pray the Jesus Way

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Real (authentic) Prayer (v.5)



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Real (authentic) Pray-er (v.5)

Avoid praying like hypocrites

- Hypocrites is always marked by the flesh
- Hypocrites are self-centered
 - Self-promotion, courting public opinion, condemning others
- Hypocrites glorifies in a reputation of holiness rather than being holy



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Avoid praying like hypocrites


(Prov.12:22)

The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

(Prov. 15:8)

The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

Closet Praying (v.6)



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- In closet prayer we get away from other distractions
- In closet prayer we set aside our mental distractions
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For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel (NKJ).

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel (NIV).



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- In closet prayer we intentionally set aside time for prayer

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Closet Praying (v.6)

Too busy to pray?

Genesis 18: 22

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham *remained standing before* the LORD

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Exodus 3:1-3

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "*I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.*"

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Daniel 6:10

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. *Three times a day* he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

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Mark 1:35

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

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Too busy to pray?


- Charles Simeon devoted the hours from four till eight in the morning to God.
- John Wesley spent two hours daily in prayer. He also began at four in the morning.
- Luther said: "If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer."

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What about Public Prayers?

- Jesus called the Temple his “Father’s house” and a “house of prayer” (Matthew 21:13)
- Jesus prayed in the sight of others (Lk.3:21; 10:21; 11:1)
- Early church had public meetings (Acts 4:24-31; 12:5-12)
- Paul talked about his prayers (Col. 2:1; Rom. 15:30; Rom. 9:2)

The Wrong Way to Pray (v.7)



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The Wrong Way to Pray (v.7)

Avoid praying like pagans

- Use secret, power or “magic” words
- Vain repetitions
- Long and verbose
- Alteration of consciousness (Buddhist meditation, power encounter)


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25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." 26 So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "O Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

27 At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. 29 Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. (1 Kings 18:25-29)

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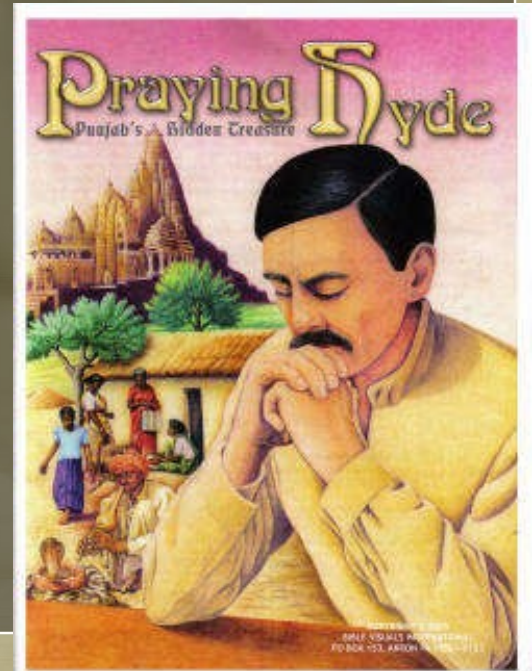
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Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
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who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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John Hyde of India (Praying Hyde)

John Nelson Hyde (November 9, 1865-February 17, 1912) was an American missionary who preached in the Punjab.



Matthew 6:5-8

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Prayer is asking

Asking must be specific

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- He will restore what is lost
 - He restores our souls
 - He restores the years the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25)
 - He restores the peace we have lost through sin

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- Prayer is fellowship with God
- He will give us what we need
- He will restore what is lost
- He acknowledges that we are His people
- He gives us a foretaste of the Day of Judgment

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David equate God's refusal to answer his prayer with God's rejection on Judgment Day (Psalm 28:1)
To you I call, O LORD my Rock; Do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

Isaiah 3:10

Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.

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How shall we then pray?

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Praying the Jesus way requires us to be real (authentic) pray-ers, totally committed to the act of praying. This act of praying is in communion with God, and in asking Him for our needs.

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