

# GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## *The Prayer Life of Jesus – His Principles*

Text: Matthew 6:5-13

### Introduction:

- A. How would you describe the prayer life of Jesus?
- B. Jesus' ministry was successful because He had an exemplary prayer life.
- C. We can learn a lot from the prayers of Jesus.
- D. Our text is one of two of Jesus' most popular prayers.

### Discussion:

#### I. The Power of Prayer

**Matthew 6:5-8** - “*And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*”

Is it a sin to never pray to the Lord (**I Samuel 12:23**)? Is it wrong to pray with the wrong motives?

Is it a sin to repeat your prayer or parts of your prayer (**John 17:1-26**)? What happens if we pray but doubt the power of God?

#### II. The Passion of Prayer

**Matthew 6:9** - “*In this manner, pray therefore*”

How can we become more passionate about prayer?

What hinders us from praying more?

#### III. The Person of Prayer

**Matthew 6:9** - “*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*”

What does the word “Abba” mean in the Hebrew tongue (**Romans 8:15**)?

Why did Jesus want us to think of God in such an intimate way? Why is God so specific about keeping His name holy?

#### IV. The Purpose of Prayer

**Matthew 6:10** - “*Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*”

What confidence can we have in prayer (**I John 5:14**)?

How does the Holy Spirit help God's will to be done (**Romans 8:26-27**)?

#### V. The Provision of Prayer

**Matthew 6:11** - “*Give us this day our daily bread.*”

How does God supply our needs (**Philippians 4:19**)?

Why is it that we don't receive what we need (**James 4:2**)?

#### VI. The Pardon of Prayer

**Matthew 6:12** - “*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*”

Who determines whether or not you are forgiven by God? Why?

When does God draw near to us (**James 4:8**)?

#### VII. The Protection of Prayer

**Matthew 6:13** - “*And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*”

What role does Satan play in our temptation (**I Peter 5:8-9**)? What about us?

What can we learn from **I Corinthians 10:13** and **James 5:16**?

#### VIII. The Praise of Prayer

**Matthew 6:13** - “*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*”

Who really deserves the most praise in our prayers?

What are we missing if we only focus on our own needs when we pray?

### Conclusion:

- A. Jesus was so pure and perfect.
- B. One of the most valuable things about His walk with God was His prayer life.
- C. We need to learn more about Jesus and try to become more like Him in every way.
- D. Next week we will begin a study on the prayer of Jesus found in **John 17**.