

- I. Introduction.**
 - A. What we commonly call the Lord's Prayer is actually a prayer model – a pattern for our prayers.**
 - B. The "Model Prayer" has two basic parts: recognition of God (who he is and what he's done) and prayer requests.**
- II. The Word on Prayer (Matt. 6:5-8).**
 - A. Prayers that are nothing more than performances to impress people will not get God's attention (v.5).**
 - B. To get God's attention we must first focus our attention on him, and then share our prayer requests (v.6).**
 - C. Repetition of meaningless expressions (gibberish) does not impress God and will not get his attention (v.7,8).**
- III. Recognition of God (Matt. 6:9).**
 - A. All humans are made in God's image (see Gen. 1:26,27), but only those who accept Christ are children of God (see John 1:12) and can acknowledge God as Father (v.9).**
 - B. The name of the Lord is holy and sacred; if you know and love Jesus, "Christ" is not a curse word (v.9).**
- IV. Prayer Requests (Matt. 6:10-13).**
 - A. Come, Lord Jesus, and establish your Millennial Kingdom here on Earth (v.10).**
 - B. Lord, may your will prevail on Earth and in my life (v.10).**
 - C. Father, provide for all of my needs (v.11).**
 - 1. Every good thing that I have is the result of God's mercy and goodness (see James 1:16).**
 - 2. Help me to be thankful for what I have and use it for God's honor and glory (see Matt. 14:13-21).**
 - D. Holy Spirit, convict me when I sin and impel me to repent and confess my sin and receive forgiveness (v.12).**
 - E. Lord, help me to forgive others like you forgive me (v.12).**
 - 1. God always forgives and forgets.**
 - 2. A spirit of unforgiveness hurts my relationships with God and people, and it hurts me.**
 - 3. If I have a sincere desire to forgive and "forget" God will give me the strength and power to do it.**
 - F. Lord, help me to stand firm and resist temptation (v.13).**
 - 1. We have freedom of choice but once we choose we cannot choose our consequences (see Gal. 6:7,8).**
 - 2. The wise choice is to trust and obey God always.**