



When The Church Prays

Matthew 6:5-13 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.

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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.

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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.”

A photograph showing a group of people in a prayerful setting. A woman in a green shirt is the central focus, with her back to the camera. Her hands are being held by others, and her shoulders are being touched by two women. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and intimate atmosphere. The text 'A Simple Way to Pray' is overlaid in yellow on the left side of the image.

A Simple Way to Pray

Overview of the Passage

- **2 Errors to Avoid in Prayer (6:5-8)**
- **Praying about God (6:9-10)**
- **Praying about People (6:11-13)**

2 Errors to Avoid in Prayer (How NOT to Pray)

Error #1 Pride: Who is my audience in prayer?

Error #2 It's all about the words

Praying about God (6:9-10)

#1 Remember I'm praying to my heavenly Father who always desires to do me good.

#2 Pray with the attitude that God's will to be done above my own desires. The glory of God is primary in my life.



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A group of people are shown in a prayerful setting. A woman in a green shirt is the central focus, with her hands being placed on her shoulders by others. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and intimate atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow and white font.

Praying about People (6:11-13)

#1 Me - Asking God & depending on God for what I need

#2 Me - Examine my heart. Is there sin to confess?

#3 Others - Who do I need to forgive?

#4 Me - Prayer for protection



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