

Jesus on Prayer

Matthew 6.9-13

In his Model Prayer, Jesus presents several concepts. To follow Jesus in your prayer life, follow these concepts.

People Struggle With How To Pray

Vertical Nature of Prayer

9 “Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
10 ‘Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven

Concept 1: We depend on our relationship with God

Concept 2: We recognize the character of God

Concept 3: We call on the sovereignty of God

Most importantly, we pray that our will falls in line with God’s will

Horizontal Nature of Prayer

11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.
12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Concept 4: We depend on God to meet our needs

Concept 5: We recognize that God must forgive our sins

Concept 6: We call on God for guidance

We pray so we can be where God wants us to be, not the other way around.

Followers of Jesus will follow Jesus' pattern for prayer.