

Sharpening the Skill of Prayer #1

“The Nature of Prayer”

Matthew 6:5-8

“Prayer is the h_____ activity of the human soul.”

Prayer is “the f_____ and only thing that will work [and] is the
l_____ thing we try.”

Prayer is a Conversation, Not a Performance

If you can t_____, then you can pray!

Matthew 6:5-6 - Prayer is never something we do to be s_____.

We should talk with God like we talk with f_____ or f_____.

Prayer is a Communication, Not a Prescription

Matthew 6:7-8 - “The imagine that the more they s_____, the more
likely they are to be h_____.” (New English Bible)

1 Kings 18:26-29 - The prophets of Baal prayed from m_____
till n_____, shouting and dancing and slashing themselves.

Prayer is not a f_____ with certain words or phrases, guaranteed
to get us what we w_____!

Prayer is a Communion, Not a Persuasion

“Prayer is not g_____ t_____ from God; prayer is getting into
perfect c_____ with God.”

Psalms 27:8 - “To you, O my heart, He has said, ‘S_____ my face!’
Your face, Lord, will I s_____.”

Matthew 6:8 - “Your Father k_____ what you need before you ask
Him.”

Our prayers ought to be s_____ as opposed to hypocritical,
t_____ as opposed to mechanical.

Word Search - Matthew 6:5-8

B N E E D S E E S Y P V V N E S
A E N A G H T U R T U P W L V E
M G F F R E W A R D A E M S W E
O M L O U M P N S G S G P E H N
M V O F R L S P A W U E B U A O
A W V N P E L N O E E S E G T D
N T E A C I S N E K E W C O S Y
Y H A R K V K S O T B G A G R R
W W E E H G A A I T N P U A E E
P T N D N O N R P I E K S N N H
Y S O E Y K C I D R T E E Y R T
I O D E E O N N L E A H R S O A
R N H R P S A I F B S Y E T C F
O T L Y O T N L H K B O S I S G
O W H R S W G U W T K A L T R R
M K R E C E I V E D G Y B C O O

BABBLING

LIKE

STANDING

BECAUSE

LOVE

STREET

BEFORE

MANY

SYNAGOGUES

CLOSE

NEED

THEIR

CORNERS

PAGANS

THEY

DONE

PRAY

THINK

DOOR

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ROOM

WHAT

HYPOCRITES

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WORDS

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SEES

Prayer is talking with God



*"Your Father knows what you need
before you ask Him."
(Matthew 6:8)*

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*"To you, O my heart, He has said,
'Seek my face!' Your face, LORD, I will
seek."
(Psalm 27:8)*