



Key References:

Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV)

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. 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.

“He wants to partner with me in my prayer life. I can downplay how much my prayers actually matter. For me the challenge is not having faith that God is able to do what I’m praying. That for me isn’t usually the disconnect because He is able. The disconnect sometimes for me is that I can almost lack the faith that my praying will change much” –

Katie MacMunn, Quote #1

Romans 8:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

1 John 5:14–15 (NIV)

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

“The key to prayer is simply praying” – AW Tozer

Katie said if you want a great relationship, like in a marriage, you need great communication. **Why is communication so important in relationships? In what ways do the needs of our earthly relationships mirror our need to pray?**

If Jesus was fully God why did we see Jesus go off to pray so much?

Read Matthew 6:5-8. **Why does Jesus encourage us to pray in private? What do you find helps you spend fruitful time alone in prayer?**

Why do we still often pray publicly together if Jesus says to pray privately?

Read Matthew 6:9-13. **Do you remember the four P’s that Katie split this into?**

1 – POSITION

How does “our Father”, “in heaven”, and “hallowed” reflect three positional truths about how we are to approach prayer? How do each of these three things affect our tone when praying?

With our all-access-pass to God why do we still need to keep His position and holiness in mind? Read Romans 8:15. How can fear keep us away from talking to God?

2 – PARTNERSHIP

Why did Katie use the word “partnership” to describe v10? Do we sometimes treat prayer like a vending machine to only meet our needs?

Read the Quote from Katie. **Do you also struggle with this idea? Read 1 John 5:14-15. How does this show how God’s will and our prayers go together?**

3 – PROVISION

Do you have a testimony of when God provided for you? Why does a request for provision only come after we get position and partnership right? Why do we need to pray if God already knows our needs in v8?

4 – PARDON

Why does Jesus bring up forgiveness in this scripture? Is this something we need to include daily in our prayer life or just when something comes up? Read Matt 6:14-15. Why does Jesus talk about forgiveness again afterwards?

5 – PROTECTION

What does it mean to not be led into temptation? Does God tempt us (James 1:13)? How should we incorporate protection into our prayer life?

Additional References:

Matthew 6:5–8 (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. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Romans 8:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Luke 6:45 (NIV)

⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

“Prayer is essentially a partnership of the redeemed child of God working hand in hand with God toward the realization of His redemptive purposes on earth.” – Jack Hayford

James 1:13 (ESV)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.