

CALL UPON HIS NAME
“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.”
Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer is a God-_____.

Prayer is not persuading God to do something; it is just laying hold on God's _____.

Here are five key points Jesus made in teaching the disciples to pray:

1. ADDRESS YOUR PRAYER TO _____, NOT TO _____.

Jesus said, “Pray to your Father.” Matthew 6:5

2. DON'T _____ GOD.

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.” Matthew 6:7

3. PRAYER SHOULD BEGIN WITH _____.

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” Matthew 6:9

4. IT IS FINE TO ASK FOR PERSONAL _____.

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11

5. ASK FOR _____ AND EXTEND IT TO OTHERS.

“But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:15

AN ACTION PLAN FOR A POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE:

1. Keep a daily appointment with God that only an emergency can change.
2. Thank God for three specific blessings in your life.
3. Confess one specific failing or sin.
4. Pray for at least three other persons, including one who is hard to like.
5. Share with God at least one of your own personal needs.
6. Ask God to fully activate the Holy Spirit with you for the next 24 hours.
7. Pray for your local church and your denomination.

Prayer is reaching out in trust to the one who is not only your Savior and Lord but also is your best friend!