

Real Prayer

Matthew 6:5-8

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. ⁶But 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. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.¹

Pray sincerely (5)

Pray secretly (6)

Pray thoughtfully (7)

Pray confidently (8)

Prayer is a conversation with someone who knows our needs, cares about our concerns, and responds to our requests.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. Wheaton : Standard Bible Society, 2001