

"THE PATTERN FOR PRAYER"

Matthew 6: 7-15

INTRODUCTION:

***Let Jesus teach you about prayer.**

I. Don't pray . . . this way (6:5-8)

A. Don't pray to impress men (v. 5-6)

B. Don't pray to impress God (v. 7-8)

II. Pray this way (6:9-15)

Follow Christ's model, example, outline, or pattern of prayer:

A. Pray for God to be glorified (v. 9-10) [Adoration]

1. God's pre-eminence (His Name) (v. 9 - "*Hallowed be Thy Name*")

2. God's program (His Kingdom) (v. 10 - "*Thy Kingdom come*")

3. God's plan (His will) (v. 10b - "*Thy will be done*")

B. Pray for God to meet our needs (v. 11-15) [Petition]

1. God's provision (Pray about the needs of our present)
"*Give us this day our daily bread*" (v. 11)

2. God's pardon (Pray about the failures of our past)
"*Forgive us our debts*" (v. 12)

3. God's protection (Pray about the dangers or our future)
"*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*"

CONCLUSION: God's Praise ("*Thine is the Kingdom. . . power. . . glory. . . forever, Amen.*") Verse 13b