

This Is Us - Why We Pray

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Acts 2:42-47

Matthew 6:5-13 5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “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 today 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 the evil one.

- **We pray because Jesus prayed often.**
- **We pray because Jesus taught us to pray.**

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1) SEARCH MY HEART.

Psalm 139:23 Search me, God, and know my heart...

Jeremiah 17:9 NLT The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

2) REVEAL MY FEARS.

Psalm 139:23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

- **What we fear the most reveals where we trust God the least.**

3) UNCOVER MY SINS.

Psalm 139:24 See if there is any offensive way in me...

4) LEAD ME.

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