



# PRAYER PT. III

**Matt 5:5** "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. 7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases 9 Pray then like this..."

## What is Prayer

The most important part of any relationship is commitment, the second is Communication—Prayer is simply communication with God.

## What should you pray about?

Everything. What do you think about? There should not be a gap between what you are thinking about and what you are praying about.

*Dallas Willard* "Prayer simply dies from efforts to pray about 'good things' that honesty do not matter to us. The way to get to meaningful prayer for those good things is to start by praying for what we are truly interested in. The circles of our interests will inevitably grow to the largeness of God's love...many people have found prayer impossible because they thought they should only pray for wonderful but remote needs they actually had little or no interest in or even knowledge of."

## When should you pray?

When you can focus on God.

*Henry Nouwen* said that "when we go to pray, thoughts jump around in our minds like monkeys jumping around on banana trees. So at the beginning of prayer take a moment to let the monkeys settle down."

## Where should you pray?

Anywhere. No rules. Jesus found places clear of distractions.

## How should you pray

Pray like you are in relationship.

- 1) **Our Father in heaven**—Address Him
- 2) **Hallowed (holy) be your name**—praise Him
- 3) **Your Kingdom/will be done**---Ask for His will to show in your life
- 4) **Give us today**—Make your requests
- 5) **Forgive us**---Repent from your sins and forgive others
- 6) **Lead us**---Ask for guidance--How to live with purpose
- 7) **Yours is the power**—praise Him

What is Element asking you to pray for?

Pray for others

Relationships to be reconciled.

- **Pray for Elements leaders**  
Love the Gospel and follow Jesus.
- **Pray for Element**  
John 3 says the Spirit of God is like wind and we are putting the kite up.
- **Pray for our future home**  
We have 4 acres and some big plans.
- **Pray for growth**  
We want people to hear the Gospel and live in God's grace.
- **Pray for your city/region**  
We are not trying to hide from the city, we are here because we love the city. We want our city to see us as a blessing and an ally.
- **Pray against opposition/false teachers**  
That Element sticks to the scriptures.

In everything Jesus should be lifted up first; prayer is the developing of the relationship we have with Jesus so it takes root in our heart and soul.



### PRAYER GATHERING

Friday, September 12, 6:30pm  
*Music & Prayer. Childcare up to 2 years old.*

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*Change their view on giving*

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