



CALLLED TO BE **Different**

Authentic Prayer

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“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them... when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private... When you pray, don’t babble on and on ...for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! “Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:5-13

Prayer includes;

- Addressing who we are praying to – Our Father
- Inviting God’s reign into our life & submitting our will
- Asking for God’s provision for today’s needs
- Asking for forgiveness for sin & to help to forgive others
- Asking for guidance away from sin and the enemy’s traps

Approaching God with prayer requests;

- Ask as a child asks a father
- Ask with awareness of His goodness
- Ask with faith – Confidence He is able
- Ask without trying to manipulate
- Asking with authenticity

Mistakes we make in prayer;

- **Not asking in Jesus’ name**

“In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.” John 16:26-27

- **Not asking requests based on scripture**

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” John 15:7

- **Not willing to submit your kingdom to His will**

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:2-3

- **Not being specific in prayer**

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” Philippians 4:6

- **Not moving forward in Faith in persistent prayer**

“But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone.” James 1:6

Questions: Why do we pray? When have you experienced answered prayer? What makes prayer effective? How do you explain unanswered prayer?