



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of February 13, 2022

Prayer

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 6:5-15](#)

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. ⁹Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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- This is the first of two weeks we will consider this section of Jesus Sermon on the Mount. At its heart, **what is “prayer”**?
 - What **contrast does Jesus set up** in vv5-8?
 - Focus on vv5-6. What do the **“hypocrites” love** as they pray? What does **Jesus encourage you to see as you pray**?
 - Focus on vv7-8. The **“Gentiles” seek to manipulate God**. **How?** What **encouragement does Jesus offer us** instead?
 - Do you know God is your Heavenly Father? If so, can you give an example of **how that has changed the way you pray**?
 - After sitting under Jesus teaching this week, **has your definition of prayer changed?** If so, **how?**
 - What are you **talking to your Heavenly Father about** these days? **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.