

Praying The Riches We Have In Christ

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“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.” Matthew 6:9-13

Main Idea: Christians have blessings in Christ that we do not experience because we do not genuinely pursue God in prayer.

“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. Matthew 6:5-8

Prayer is phony when:

1. You just want to be seen praying.
2. You do not mean what you say.

Prayer is genuine when it is personal or authentic.

Five blessings from the Lord’s Prayer

1. Christians are adopted into God’s family so we get to praise Him.
2. Christians are part of God’s plan so we get to trust him.
3. Christians are invited to bring requests to God so we get to do this confidently.
4. Christians are forgiven because of Christ so we get to forgive others.
5. Christians are protected by Christ so we get to delight in his victory.

*“The choice is ours...If we want freedom from being driven by fear, ambition, greed, lust, addictions, and inner emptiness, we must learn how to mediate on Christ until his glory breaks upon our souls.”
Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Tim Keller*