

## ***“Why Pray?” – Part II***

**INTRODUCTION:** Prayer is *“communication”* with God.

- Most people FEARED God, but Jesus prayed out of LOVE for God.

**Matthew 6:9** – Jesus tells us how to IMPROVE our prayer life.

### **1 EMPHASIS ON GOD – 6:9-10, 6:13b – *“Your”***

**1.- Relationship** – *“Our Father in heaven”* – We are God’s *“children”*.

- Our *“Father”* knows all about us – **6:8**

**2.- Worship** – *“hallowed be Your name”* – Prayer is a time of *“worship”* and praise to a *“holy”* God ... our *“Father”*.

**3.- Submission** – *“Your kingdom come, Your will be done”* – Our lives should center around God’s will in our lives ... His rule – **6:33**  
- We resist God’s *“rule”*, because we’re SELFISH!

### **1 EMPHASIS ON YOU – 6:11-13a – *“us”***

**1.- Petition** – *“Give us this day our daily bread”* – Start off your prayer with PRAISE, before you begin your PETITIONS.

- Tell Him your needs, then leave the *“details”* up to Him ... explain the SITUATION ... *“Situational Prayers”*.

- We might find out our *“needs”* are really *“greeds”*.

**2.- Confession** – *“forgive us our debts, as we ...”* – Luke 11:4

- SIN is a *“debt”* that we owe to God ... it must be PAID FOR.

- We ARE *“forgiven”*, but need *“cleansing”* – 1 John 1:9

- Get back on *“speaking terms”* with your Father in Heaven.

- *“as we forgive our debtors”* – Just like God forgives you, forgive others – **6:14-15**.

- You can’t be right with God, and not right with your fellow man – **5:23-24**

- God forgives us because of His love, grace and mercy.

**3.- Dependence** – *“do not lead us into temptation”* – James 1:13

- God is thinking about you ALL THE TIME!

- Be sensitive to God’s guiding hand on your life – 1 Cor. 10:13

### **2 EMPHASIS BACK ON GOD – 6:13b**

- God wants to *“rule & reign”* in your life ... exhibit His *“power”* ... bring Him *“glory”* ... *“forever”!*

**CONCLUSION:** *“Amen”* = *“It is true”* ... *“Yes!”*.

- Prayer connects you and God ... a great PRIVILEGE.