



Sermon Outline
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How to Pray

Luke 18:9-14

Important Prayer Paradigms:

1) Prayer is a way of _____
to God, not a _____ for
acquiring everything we want from God.

2) Apart from being _____ before
God, there is no prescribed way to pray.

3) The goal of prayer is to _____
with God, not to follow any prescribed
formula.

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No specific method for prayer works for everyone.

Mark 1:35 - Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

*Prayer is much less likely to happen if it's not planned,
unless you're in a crisis or a place of great need.*

*"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie
ten Boom*

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Luke 11:1a - One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.

Matthew 6:6a - But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father...

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John 17:1a - After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed...

Acts 9:40a - Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed...

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Psalms 46:10 - He says, "Be still, and know that I am God..."

Psalms 131:1-2a - My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself...

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Learning to pray takes time.

It involves discovery, successes and setbacks.

*There are no true prayer experts,
only faithful practitioners.*

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Luke 18:1 - Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

*Prayer is not about making God aware of your need
but rather an important way of helping you connect
your need to Him.*

Take-a-way for today:

**Incorporate something _____
about what you pray, how you pray, or
where you pray.**