

The Pattern of Prayer
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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 11:2-4.

B. Jesus gave the model prayer.

II. The part concerning God.

A. Prayers ought to begin with God.

B. Prayer must begin with a gaze at God.

C. The believer must know God as Father.

1. God is not chair of the prayer board.

2. God is a person that we must trust.

3. The Father is predisposed by love and relationship.

4. From a father one can expect a reply.

5. Belief involves a commitment of the will.

6. One must believe God to be who He is as loving Father for His prayer to be effective.

D. Prayer involves surrender.

1. When the believer asks that the Lord's name be hallowed, he is asking that his life be an honor to God.

2. There cannot be any contact with God until His name is hallowed.

E. Prayer involves a cry for heaven.

1. The believer prays for the kingdom to come in this very moment.

2. When it is least evident, God is often accomplishing the most.

3. Behind despair, God frequently is building His kingdom.

III. The part concerning us.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to have a correct view of God in order for prayer to be effective?

2. What does it mean to hallow God's name?

3. How can the believer understand God's kingdom to be at work now? Explain.
