

## Do You Need A Bail Out? **NO!**

My goal is to get out of debt.

My goal is to save money.

With all my heart I want to serve the Master not the Market.

What I need is an unbreakable connection  
with the Master!

"(v.5) When you pray, don't be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

(v.6) When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door. Pray to your Father in private. He knows what is done in private, and he will reward you.

(v.7) When you pray, don't talk on and on as people do who don't know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers. (v.8) Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

(v.9) You should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
help us to honor your name.

(v.10) Come and set up your kingdom,  
so that everyone on earth will obey you,  
as you are obeyed in heaven.

(v.11) Give us our food for today.

(v.12) Forgive us for doing wrong,  
as we forgive others.

(v.13) Keep us from being tempted  
and protect us from evil.

**Matthew 6:5-13**

**(Contemporary English Version)**

- Prayer is not **chatter**.
- Prayer is not **repetition**.
- Prayer is not about a **set** number of words.
- Prayer is the **evidence** of a relationship.
- Prayer is **listening!**

Two major questions come up when we begin to talk about prayer.

### # 1—Why Pray?

- ❖ Pray is more than filling out an order form and sending it to a supplier.  
Genesis 4:26b begins to fill in the blanks.  
"at that time men began to call on the name of the Lord."  
Genesis 4 is the sad story of the first family on earth.
- ❖ Prayer develops an intimate personal relationship with an abundantly loving God.
- ❖ Prayer does not beg favors from a reluctant merchant. God knows us completely and desires a real, up-front, honest relationship with each one of us.
- ❖ Heart to heart prayer with God produces a trust between God and a human being in which the human being says to God: "I trust you." THEN, incredible things begin to happen.

### # 2—How do I Pray?

- ✓ Prayer begins by setting up the right structure.  
To whom are we speaking?
  - The creator of the universe who loves us beyond our ability to understand.
  - We need to recognize to whom we are praying—Almighty God!
- ✓ We need to recognize that God desires to be intimately involved in every part of our lives. . . .the significant and the insignificant—all of it. Since God knows best we ask that HIS will be done in all of our life.
- ✓ We now turn to look at the sin in our lives. We do this not because it is comfortable, but because it is necessary. Any sin creates a barrier between the one against whom we have sinned and between ourselves and God. We cry out: "Forgive my sins AS I forgive those who sin against me. Many believe this is the most important aspect of our prayer life.
- ✓ I believe that God desires us to live free from the painful consequences of sinful choices. So we pray . . . . lead us not into temptation . . . .protect us from the opportunity to sin when I have the strong desire to sin.

### Are You Ready To Pray?

Lord, I \_\_\_\_\_

----- Thank You.