



## **The Heart of Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

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### **Matthew 6:9-13**

“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’”

### **Matthew 7:7-8**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

### **John 15:7**

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

### **John 14:13-14**

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

### **Matthew 6:11**

Give us today our daily bread.

### **Matthew 6:9b-10**

Hallowed be *Your name*,  
*Your kingdom come*,  
*Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

The part of the Lord's prayer where Jesus teaches us to ask is where things get a lot more difficult and messier for us as people who relate with God; because here is where our relationship with God gets more involved, and we are left with the option to keep God at a distance or engage in deep and messy relationship with him. Therefore, asking is at the heart of prayer and relationship with God.

Why is asking at the heart of prayer and why does God require that we ask?  
Response: Because asking rests at the heart of relationship and vulnerability.

## **Matthew 6:7-8**

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Love loves to be told what it already knows...It wants to be asked for what it longs to give.”

- P.T. Forsyth

“Every war, every famine or plague, almost every death-bed, is the monument to a petition that was not granted.”

- C.S. Lewis

“Asking is the rule of the kingdom...God says to his own Son, ‘Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance...’ If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that he may have, you and I cannot expect the rule to be relaxed in our favor...If you may have everything by asking, and nothing without asking, I beg you to see how absolutely vital prayer is.”

- Charles Spurgeon