

# The First Step—Part 7

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### Matthew 6:6-13

#### FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) It is not beyond your ability to talk to God like Jesus did (Luke 11:1).
- 2) *6:7* A repeated request does not make it “vain repetition.” It becomes so if it is a babbling of words without a sincere desire to seek God’s will.
- 3) *6:6* Do whatever you have to do to get your attention away from your agenda and on to God.
- 4) *6:9* Jesus established communication with God that is intimate, but respectful.
- 5) *6:9* Jesus exalted the holiness of God.
- 6) *6:10* For the kingdom to come is to see the second coming of the King of Kings.
- 7) *6:10* The purpose of prayer is to see the whole earth conformed to the will of God. I must test all of my personal requests by this overruling concern.
- 8) *6:11* Bread not only represents food but is symbolic of all of our physical needs. This request affirms that every good thing we have comes from the gracious hand of God (James 1:17).
- 9) *6:12* If we have truly experienced God’s forgiveness, then we will have a readiness to forgive others (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13).
- 10) *6:12* Since prayer involves glorifying God’s name, hastening the coming of God’s kingdom (2 Peter 3:12), and helping to accomplish God’s will on earth, the one praying must not have sin in his heart.

- 11) *6:12* The important thing about prayer is not simply getting an answer, but being the kind of person whom God can trust with an answer.
- 12) *6:13* Salvation delivers one from the penalty of sin, but only the return of Christ will rid the saint of the presence of sin.
- 13) *6:13* This petition requests that God enable us to deal with sin at its very roots, rather than waiting for its bearing of fruit.
- 14) Few things please Satan more than to come between us and the Lord in the intimacy of prayer.

#### GREEK WORDS

Erchomai—a sudden, instantaneous coming