

- I. Begin with God Matt 6:5
- A. Prayer's first focus is Him Eph 6:18; Matt 6:8
- B. Prayer is not just about me Ps 131:1-2; Mark 5:15
- II. We pray to our Father Matt 6:5-8; John 16:26-27
- A. "Father" is how God wants us to know Him  
Gen 24:12; Dan 9:4;  
Ps 103:13; Isa 64:8;  
Matt 11:25; 26:39, 42;  
Mark 14:36; Luke 23:34;  
John 11:41; 12:27;  
John 17:1,5,11,21,24,25;  
Heb 12:6-10
- B. In heaven John 14:6-9
- C. Our Father  
Matt 28:10; Eph 2:3;  
John 1:11-12; 8:44;  
I John 3:1-2
- III. Our first request: may His name be hallowed
- A. It's about His name Ps 9:10; 20:7;  
Mark 9:38
- B. May it be hallowed Ps 34:3; John 17:1, 4
- C. I surrender to You I Pet 5:6-7

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