

# When We Pray

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[ 0 : 0 0 ]     The 22nd of November, When We Pray, Matthew 6, 9, NCB. So when you pray, you should pray like this. I think prayer is one of the easiest things to speak or read about, but one of the most difficult things to do faithfully and consistently.

Do you find prayer difficult? Then if you do, you're in the company of Christians in every age who struggled with prayer, and also who struggled in prayer. Prayer is actually a really precious gift which God has given to us.

It is our opportunity to speak to God. So I would encourage you to do this regularly. To help us remember what prayer is, here is an easy way of remembering that.

P is for Praise. In prayer, we are coming to speak to God, the Almighty who is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, and who is gloriously holy and wonderfully gracious.

This is the God to whom we pray. R is for Repentance. When we come to pray, we have to recognize how unlike God we really are.

[ 1 : 1 0 ]     He is holy. We have sinned. So we need to repent of our sins and turn away from them. A is for Ask. There are three main things we can ask God for, but you will think of many more.

Ask for pardon for your sin and help to overcome it. Ask for God's blessing on and help for all the people you love and care for, especially those who are ill or sad. Ask for friends, not yet Christians, to be converted.

Y is for Yield. A.W. Tozer says, To pray effectively, we must want what God wants. That and that only is to pray in the will of God.

We yield to the will of God, so that His will, not ours, will be done. . Thank you.