

Title: Kingdom Prayer

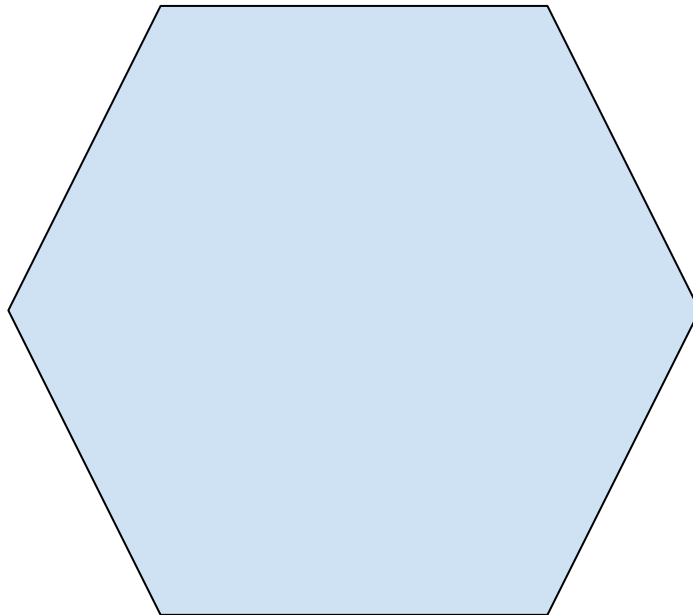
Text: Matthew 6:5-17

Target: To Engage and Experience God in Prayer not as a Routine, but a Rhythm!

1. **The Expectation to Pray:** “And **when you pray** you must not be like the **hypocrites**. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (Vs.5)
 - a. **Priority of Prayer:** “when you pray”
 - b. **Purpose in Prayer:** “not be like the hypocrites”

2. **The Exhortation in Prayer:** “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and **pray to your Father** who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up **empty phrases** as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father **knows what you need before you ask him**.” (Vs. 6-8)
 - a. **Prayer is not a Performance:** “pray to your Father”
 - b. **Prayer is not a Prescription:** “empty phrases”

3. **The Explanation of how to Pray:** “Pray then **like this**” (Vs. 9-13)
 - a. **Prayer is a Direction:** Towards His Attributes
 - b. **Prayer is a Declaration:** Transformed by His Acceptance



Take Away: Pray through the Lord’s Prayer each day this week while focusing on each attribute of God while choosing to fast from one thing of importance to you, and when the craving is evident, declare to God His Acceptance.