

Living Life Upside Down
“Upside Down Praying”

(Part 3)
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I. Upside Down Praying Is Relational Not _____

Matt 6:7-8 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!” (NLT)

A. Repetitive prayers remove the relational dynamic of praying

B. Relational prayers motivates me to pray

- R _____
- E _____
- A _____
- L _____

II. Upside Down Praying Is Practical Not _____

Matt. 6:9-13 “Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.” (NLT)

A. What makes praying feel pointless?

B. What practical praying looks like from Jesus.

1. Praise: *Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy*
2. Preference: *May **your** Kingdom come soon. May **your** will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*
3. Provision: *Give us today the food we need*

4. P _____ and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
5. P _____ and don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

III. Upside Down Praying Is Consistent Not _____

Matt. 7:7-8 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (NLT)

- A. What does casual praying look like?
- B. What does consistent upside down praying look like?
 1. Consistent prayer keeps on asking God until the answer comes.
 2. Consistent prayer keeps seeking God's direction until the direction is clear
 3. Consistent prayer keeps on knocking on doors of opportunity _____
 4. Consistent prayer is motivated by the promise of God's _____
 5. Consistent prayer with others multiplies _____