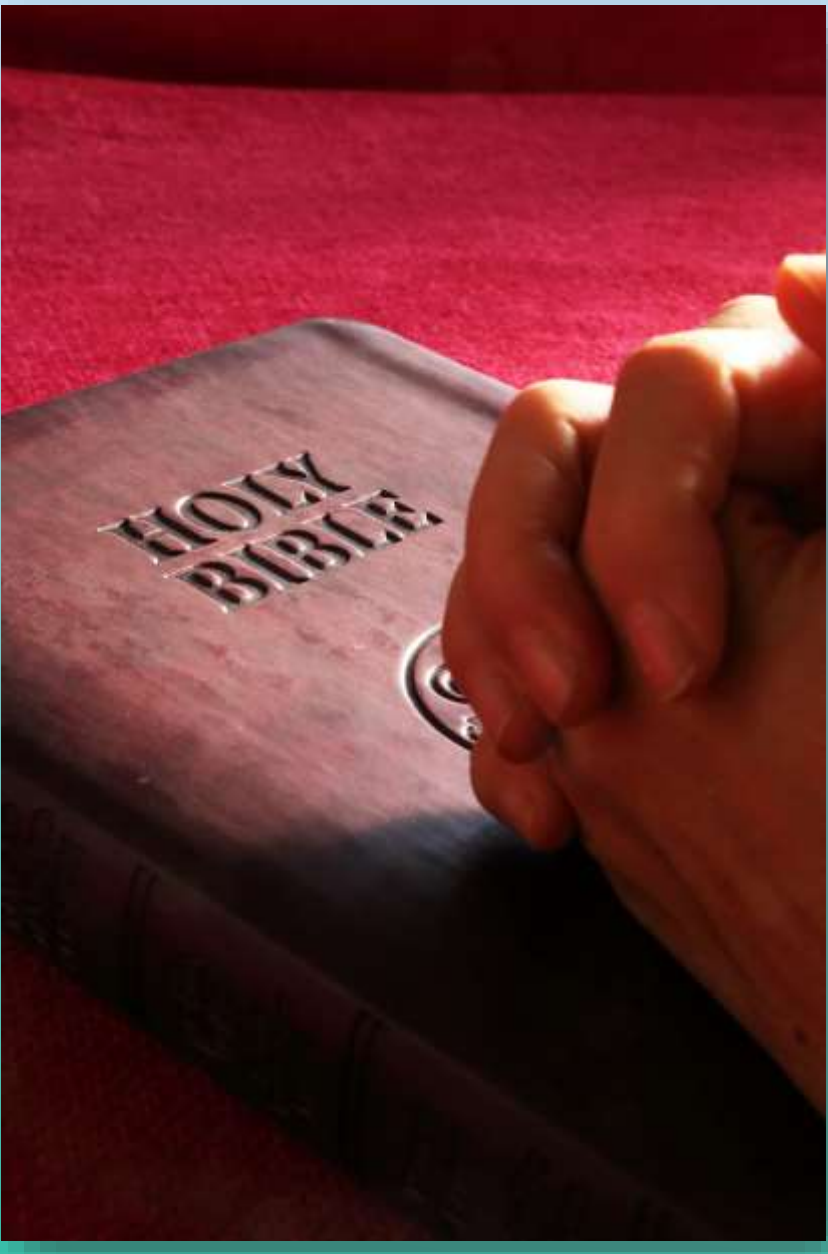


# Living Right-side Up In An Upside-Down World



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# The Excursus on Prayer

- Introduction: No babbling (7-8)
  - The Lord's Prayer (9-13)
- Conclusion: On forgiveness (14-15)



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# Introduction: No Babbling!

7 “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. Matt 6:7-8 ESV

- Jesus presumes prayer
- Jesus is not discouraging long prayers
- Jesus is discouraging “manipulation”
- Jesus encourages brevity

# Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer (9-13)

- The Disciple's Prayer
- "The First Creed"



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# The Gift of the Lord's Prayer (9-13)

- Removes anxiety
- Reveals God's heart
- Represents our participation



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# Five Observations (9-13)

## 1. The Scope of the Prayer

- All dimensions of existence
- All time
- Profoundly comprehensive

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# Five Observations (9-13)

## 2. The Flow of the Prayer

- 1<sup>st</sup> three petitions: Your, Your, Your
- Last three petitions: Us, Us, Us
- His agenda first
- Community

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# Five Observations (9-13)

## 3. The Center of the Prayer

- “On earth as it is in heaven”
- Can be read with first 3 petitions

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# Five Observations (9-13)

## 4. The Verbs of the Prayer

- Powerful commands
- Boldness
- Only God can do these things

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# Five Observations (9-13)

## 5. The Confidence We Have

- “Our Father in Heaven”
- In Heaven = Powerfully on the throne
- Our Father = Personal Abba

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