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PRAYER

Matthew 6 and 7, Jerusalem

CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Meditation and Prayer*

**"When you pray, do not imitate  
the hypocrites:**

**they love to say their prayers  
standing up**

**in the synagogues and  
at the street corners**

**for people to see them.**

**I tell you solemnly,  
they have had their reward.**

***"But when you pray,  
go to your private room and,  
when you have shut your door,***

***pray to your Father who is in that  
secret place,***

***and your Father who sees  
all that is done***

***in secret will reward you.***

**"In your prayers do not babble as  
the pagans do,  
for they think that by using  
many words  
they will make themselves heard.**

**Do not be like them;  
your Father knows what you need  
before you ask him."**

***"If you forgive others  
their failings,***

***your heavenly Father will  
forgive you yours;***

***but if you do not forgive others,  
your Father will not forgive  
your failings either."***

**"Ask, and it will be given to you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be  
opened to you.**

***"For the one who asks  
always receives;***

***the one who searches always  
finds;***

***the one who knocks will always  
have the door opened to him.***

**"Is there a man among you who  
would**

**hand his son a stone when  
he asked for bread?**

**Or would hand him a snake when  
he asked for a fish?**

***"If you, then, who are evil,  
know how to give your  
children what is good,***

***how much more will  
your Father in heaven  
give good things to those  
who ask him!"***