**Our Father in Heaven**

Matthew 6:1-9

**Prayer Pitfalls:**

1. **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 1,4)
   * Pray in **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 6)
2. **M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 7)
   * Understand God’s **N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 8)
3. **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Luke 11:5)
   * Trust your **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Luke 11:9,13)

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**Prayer’s Beginning:**

*“Our Father…”*

1. Prayer is a **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with our loving, present heavenly Father (v. 9)
   * Prayer is possible because Jesus paid for our **A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Ephesians 2:12-13)

“But to all who received him, to those who believed on his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

*“...in heaven”*

1. Prayer is a **M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of God’s mysterious grace (v. 9)
   * Prayer is **I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** without God’s guidance and power (John 15:4-5)

**Three Steps to Prayer:**

1. Find a **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. Find a **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. Find a **W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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1. **Performance** (v. 1,4)
   * Pray in **Private** (v. 6)
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   * Understand God’s **Nature** (v. 8)
3. **Fate** (Luke 11:5)
   * Trust your **Father** (Luke 11:9,13)

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2. Prayer is a **Miracle** of God’s mysterious grace (v. 9)

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**Three Steps to Prayer:**

1. Find a **Time**

2. Find a **Place**

3. Find a **Way**