



RED-LETTER PRAYERS, Part 1

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is just talking to God...right? Maybe prayer is more than just us “talking”; more than convincing God to give us what we want. In this message, Andy Stanley unpacks Jesus’ life-changing answer to the request, “Lord, teach us to pray...”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you experienced an answer to prayer.
2. Have you ever been impressed by the way someone prayed? What about the prayer did you like?
3. Read Matthew 6:5-6. What is the problem with praying publicly as described in these verses?
4. Respond to this statement: *the purpose of prayer is to surrender your will, not to impose it on God.*
5. Do you believe that prayer can change God’s mind? Why or why not?
6. What makes it hard to pray “Your will be done” with sincerity?

MOVING FORWARD

Can you imagine what would happen in our families, churches, communities—the world—if Christians prayed until we could earnestly say, “your will be done”?

As you pray this week, declare God’s greatness, surrender your will, and acknowledge your dependence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6