

40 Days of Prayer



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October 17-November 25

Next Weekend – Nov. 12-14



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- ✓ Prayer Vigil – Friday & Saturday
- ✓ Praying for Memphis Sunday

Reflections on Prayer



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How Do I Pray?

Luke 11:1

¹ It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.”

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Today's Passage:

Matthew 6:5-13



The Wrong Way to Pray



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➤ We don't pray just to be seen.

Matthew 6:5-6

⁵ “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:5-6

⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:7-8

⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

The Essence of Prayer

➤ Prayer is talking to God!



The Essence of Prayer

➤ God wants us to talk with Him!





What Should I Say to God?

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Matthew 6:9-13

¹⁰ 'Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-13

¹¹ 'Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']



What Should I Say to God?

A - Adoration

Matthew 6:9

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.



What Should I Say to God?

C - Confession

Luke 18:13-14

¹³ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Luke 18:13-14

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



What Should I Say to God?

I - Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:4-5

⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations.



What Should I Say to God?

S – Supplication
(Requests)

Philippians 4:6

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

“In Jesus’ Name, Amen?”



John 14:13-14

¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

John 16:23-24

²³ In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

“In Jesus’ Name, Amen?”



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➤ Amen means “let it be so.”

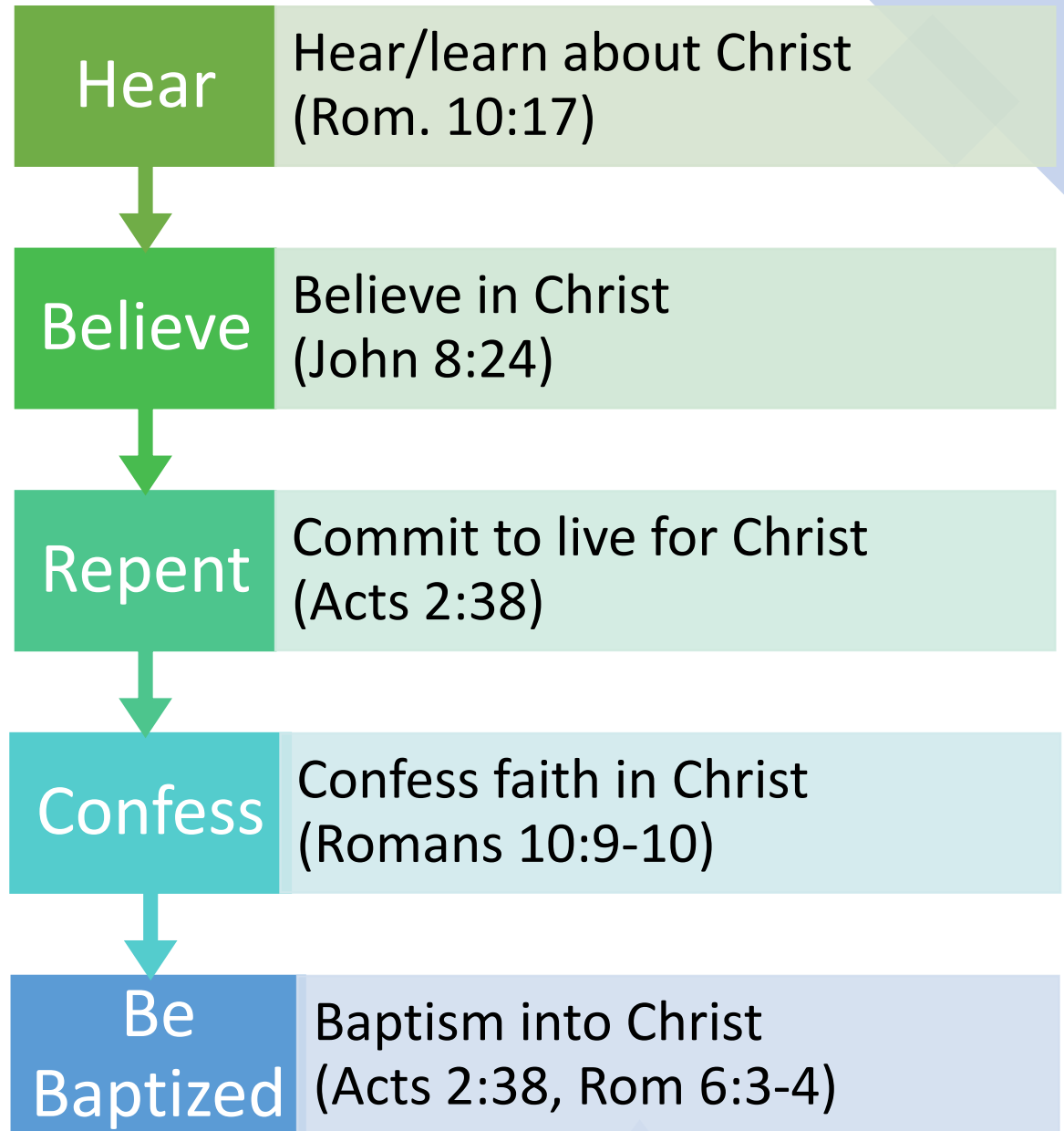
1 Corinthians 14:16

¹⁶ Otherwise if you bless in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?



Prayer is about relationship
and faith.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.