

TEACH US TO

PRAY

A black silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, positioned within the large letter 'A' of the word 'PRAY'. The person is shown in profile, kneeling on one knee with their hands clasped in front of their face, head bowed. The background of the entire graphic is a textured, golden-brown paper-like surface.



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## **Three Little Statements**

**"No matter how filthy something gets you can always clean it up"**

**"If you want to see a miracle, be the miracle"**

**"That's everybody's problem, you keep looking up"**

*to Pray*





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**This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

*to Pray*





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## **Valuable Prayer Lessons**

**Prayer is only and important  
as you make a priority**

**When we approach prayer we need  
to do so freely but respectfully**

**Prayer is an outreach activity  
as we are to prayer for the lost**

**Prayer is a daily thing especially  
when it comes to earthly needs**

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# Forgiveness of Sin

**“And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.”**

*to Pray*





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**“No matter how filthy something gets you can always clean it up”**

**God is willing to forgive your sin**

**There is NO sin you have currently committed that is too big for God**

**Remember from the clip for the floor to get clean Bruce had to work alongside God**

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## **Defining Some Terms**

**Debt: Something, that is owed or due**

**Forgive: Cancel a debt**

**Penance: Voluntary self-punishment inflicted as an outward expression of having done wrong**

**Repentance: Express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing**

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**Why are these terms so important?**

**Because we all have a "sin" debt  
(Romans 3:23)**

**That debt has a natural consequence  
(Romans 6:23)**

**How do we get rid of the debt?**

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# **Penance**

**Begins with the acknowledgment that we have done wrong**

**We have a desire to make it right (Sorry)**

**Problem: You can never take an action back**

**Problem: Penance only works if the one you are in debt to accepts the alternative action**

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## **The Exchange Rate**

**“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)**

**Problem: If God's standard is perfection then he does not accept good actions to cover bad ones**

**Penance can not  
provide forgiveness!**

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# Repentance

**It begins with the admission of wrong doing**

**We have to come to a point that we want to make it right (Guilt)**

**We don't "Do" something to make it right we "Express" (Confession)**

**There is regret and remorse**

**We take responsibility for our actions and desire not to undo them but to change going forward**

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**Since we know there is  
no action we can do to fix the past  
we must ask for the person (God) we  
have wronged to forgive the account  
(Grace and Mercy)**

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**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**1 John 1:9**

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## **Key Difference**

**Keep in mind the key difference is we are not making up, we are moving on**

**True repentance means we must have change**

**This is the essence of  
forgive us our sins**

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**"If you want to see a miracle,  
be the miracle"**

***"As we also have forgiven our debtors"***

**If you really want to experience forgiveness, you  
have to be willing to forgive**

**There are people that have wronged  
us in our life**

**If they come seeking our forgiveness we are  
obligated to give it**

**(Parable of the Unmerciful servant) *to Pray***



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**Important**

**No Grudge**

**No Penance**

**No Required Restitution**

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**As part of my prayer life I am suppose to be  
praying for the opportunity to forgive**

**God's forgiveness was not reactive  
but active (Romans 5:8)**

**We too must be active  
in forgiveness, not reactive  
(Colossians 3:12-14)**

**We must seek out forgiveness  
(Matthew 5:23-24)**

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**Told you this God  
thing was not easy**

**"That's everybody's problem,  
you keep looking up"**

*to Pray*



# **Prayer Challenge**

## **Settle Your Debts**

