

The Pattern of Proper Prayer

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How to Pray

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2. Pray Sincerely, v. 7
3. Pray Specifically, v. 9-13

Understanding the Seven Elements of the Lord's Prayer

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2. The **Praise** of Prayer, v. 9b
"Hallowed be thy name."
3. The **Purpose** of Prayer, v. 10
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4. The **Provision** of Prayer, v. 11
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5. The **Pardon** of Prayer, v. 12
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6. The **Protection** of Prayer, v. 13a
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