Text: Matthew 6:5-8

Prayer is Not(!) the Christian's Chance to Perform

• There is a Right Way to Pray Publicly (All Christians Should Learn How)

 Private Prayer is 'Secret' and Only Between You and God

Mechanical, Rote
Prayers are Self-Defeating

God Longs to
Abundantly <u>Bless</u> You
During and After Prayer

Bonus: There's No(!) Salvation - or Real Christian Growth -Without Prayer

Matt. 6:5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.