

***ALL IN* Week 1 - Prayer**

**Life / Intro Questions**

* How was your Christmas/New Year’s break?
* Did you do anything new?
* Did your relationship with God grow or get put on pause?

**Connection Question**

Has there ever been a time in your life when you were put on the spot to pray? What did you do? Was it simply to pray for the food at Christmas? Or was it something a little more intense like praying for healing or for a miracle from God? Were you nervous?

**Sermon in a Sentence**

Prayer is a relationship, not just a religious activity.

**Church Value**

We Put God First

**Scripture**

* **Matthew 6:5-13** And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6But 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. 7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us today our daily bread. 12And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**Discussion Questions**

* When you pray, what are some ways that you can recognize God?
* What are some things that God has provided for you? Have you thanked Him for those things?
* How often have you felt like God was telling you to do something but you never took action?

**Life Application**

We want students walking away with 1 or 2 things they are going to do SOON to apply what they discussed.

* What steps can you take this week to grow in prayer?
* How can you recognize God more?
* How can you thank Him more?
* How can you take action more?

**Take It Out**

* Close small group out with prayer requests.
* Remind your students that it is not too late to register for Fusion – they need to go to [fusion.events](https://fusion.events) immediately before the registration window closes.
* Refuse to let money stand in the way – check [FPSLeaders.com](https://fpsleaders.com) for a scholarship application.