



HEAVENLY REWARDS

Reward:

Something given in recognition of one's service, effort, or achievement.

Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. - *Matthew 6:4b (NIV)*

⁵“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.

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)

⁹“This, 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.””

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)

PRAYER'S REWARD

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” - *Luke 22:42 (NIV)*

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” - *Luke 23:34 (NIV)*

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”) - *Matthew 27:46 (NIV)*

Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” - *Luke 23:46 (NIV)*

Devotion:

The expression of our love and worship to our Heavenly Father.

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 6:11-13 (NIV)*

**Prayer Should Express
Our Devotion**

**What is sporadically incited by our
desperation should be typically
incited by our devotion.**

“For impressionable young people, celebrity worship syndrome has resulted in: Symptoms of depression and anxiety. Lower levels of critical thinking and cognitive abilities. Impaired social skills. Maladaptive daydreaming that interferes with work, school, or relationships. Desire for fame, which is often linked with a lack of self-acceptance. Compulsive buying and materialism. Difficulties with romantic relationships.

- Dr. Donna Rockwell, Psychologist, “Celebrity Worship And The American Mind,” Huffington Post

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” - *Isaiah 6:1-3 (NIV)*

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. - *Revelation 7:11 (NIV)*

**Prayer Should Express
Our Dependence**

Dependence:

Trusting, expecting, and leaning on God to meet all of our needs.

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Three Forms of Practical Dependence:

1. Provision
2. Forgiveness
3. Protection

“Christianity is not devotion to work, or to a cause, or a doctrine, but devotion to a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

- *Oswald Chambers*