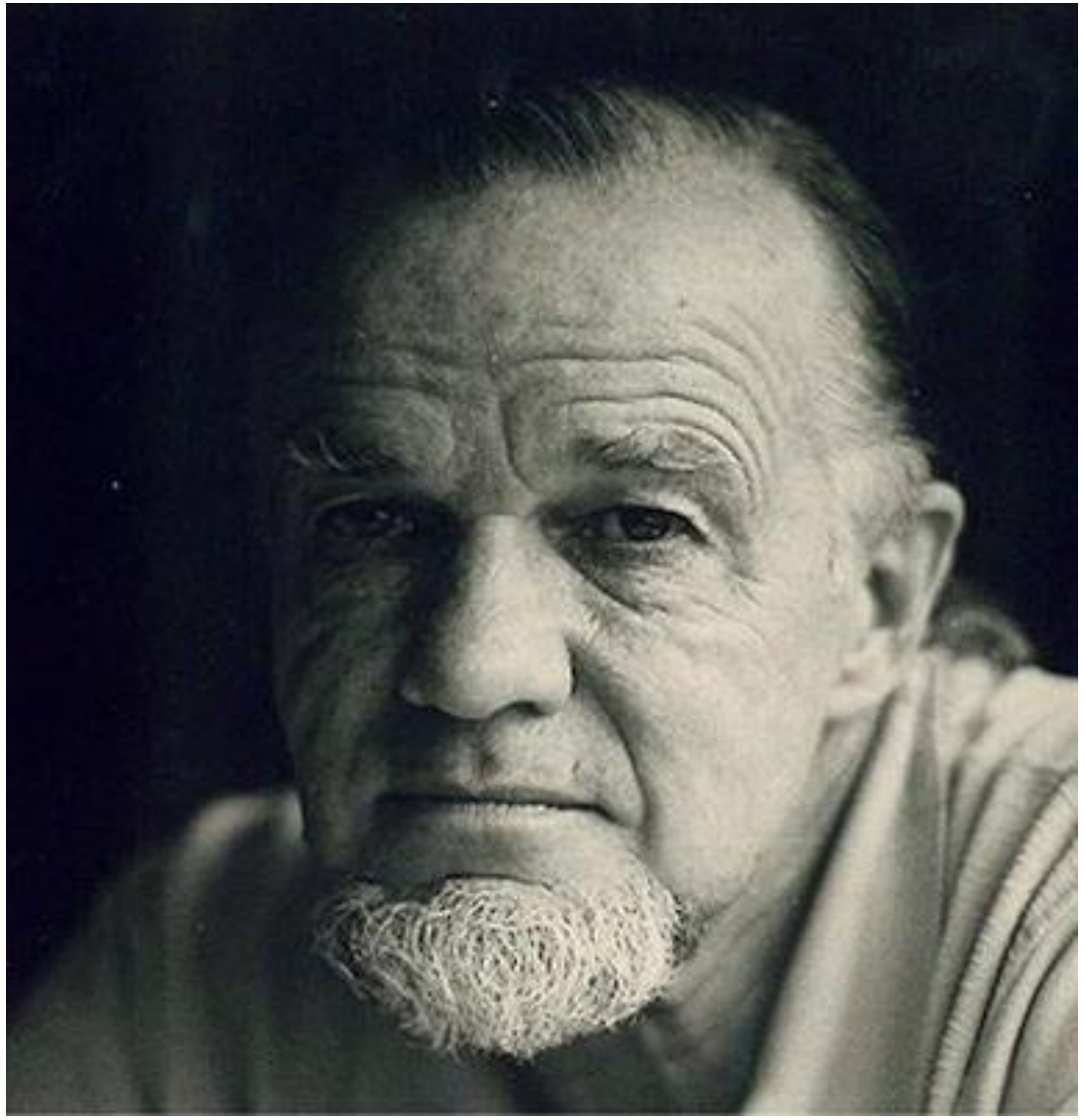
Jesus' Example of Personal Prayer
Luke 11:1

I. Prayer Is a Spiritual Priority that Requires Great Commitment (1a).

II. Prayer Is an Intentional Practice that Requires Deliberate Time (1b).

III. Prayer Is a Practical Skill that Requires Careful Instruction (1c).




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God listens to the prayers of His people…

- 2 Sam. 22:7 – “He heard my voice, and my cry for help came into His ears.”
- Ps. 18:6 – “In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God for help; He heard my voice…, and my cry for help before Him came into His ears.”
- Ps. 34:6 – “This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him.”
- Ps. 34:15 – “The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry.”
- Ps. 34:17 – “The righteous cry, and the LORD hears.”
- 1 Jn. 5:14 – “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Pray In This Way
Matthew 6:9a

A. What Are the Legitimate Uses of The Lord's Prayer?
   1. As a Model or Pattern (Mt. 6:9)—*"in this way"*

The Lord's Prayer As a Pattern

- Tertullian (c. 165-215 AD): "A new outline of prayer."
- Cyprian, bishop of Carthage (c. 200-258 AD): "What matters of deep moment are contained in the Lord's Prayer! How many and how great, briefly collected in the words, but spiritually abundant in virtue! So that there is absolutely nothing passed over that is not comprehended in these our prayers and petitions, as in a compendium of heavenly doctrine."
- Hugh Latimer (English reformer; 1500's): "This prayer [is] the sum and abridgement of all other prayers. All other prayers are contained in this prayer."

Pray In This Way
Matthew 6:9a

A. What Are the Legitimate Uses of The Lord's Prayer?
   1. As a Model or Pattern (Mt. 6:9)—*"in this way"*
   2. As an Actual Prayer (Lk. 11:2)—*"say"*

Pray In This Way
Matthew 6:9a

B. What Is the Structure of The Lord's Prayer?
   1. The Preface (9b) – *"Our Father who is in heaven"*
   2. The Six Petitions (9c-13b)
   3. The Conclusion (13c) – *"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

Pray In This Way
Matthew 6:9a

A. What Is the Purpose of a Preface in the Lord's Prayer?

- 1 Ch. 29:10-11
- 1 Kings 8:22-24 - "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart, who have kept with Your servant, my father David, that which You have promised him; indeed, You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand as it is this day."
- Dan. 9:4 - "I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments."
- Acts 4:24 - "They lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM."

The Preface – Three Attitudes for Prayer

1. As a Member of the Family – *“Our”*
2. As a Child of the Father – *“Father”*
3. As a Subject of the King – *“Who is in heaven”*