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Developing The Habit of Prayer
(Matthew 6:5-15)

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"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get."
Matthew 6:5

2. R _____ me with my Heavenly Father

"But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."
Matthew 6:6

3. A _____ my dependence on God

"When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!"
Matthew 6:7-8

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you."
Matthew 7:7

4. Y _____ my will to God's will

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."
Matthew 6:9-13

"Abba, Father,' He cried out, "everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine."
Mark 14:36

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Reconnect** with my Heavenly Father every day this week
- Practice** one thing that I learned about **prayer**
- Memorize** *Philippians 4:6*
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