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Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 5:5-15)

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 men. I tell you the truth, 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.

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.

¹²Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.' ¹⁴For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Characters

- 1) Anchor #1
- 2) Anchor #2
- 3) Reporter #1
- 4) Pharisee
- 5) Crowdperson(s)
- 6) Reporter #2
- 7) Jesus
- 8) Crowdperson
- 9) Crossfire Host
- 10) Crossfire Guest #1
- 11) Crossfire Guest #2
- 12) Commercial Narrator
- 13) Commercial Kids

Script

[Scene: newsdesk]

Anchor #1: Good morning, everyone, welcome to the BBC News. I'm _____.

Anchor #2: And I'm _____. For our first story, we go to the temple, where celebration is taking place.

[Scene: temple]

Reporter: Yes there is a celebration here at the temple. Unfortunately, things are being delayed, because a Pharisee is taking forever to pray before one of the events.

Pharisee: And Lord, I also want to thank you for making me so much smarter than the other people. And thank you for allowing me to love You more than everyone else. And thank you that I don't sin like the rest of these people ...

Reporter: At first everyone else was silent, because the prayer was part of the event, and because you are supposed to be quiet when someone is praying...

Crowdperson: Hurry up and stop already!

Crowdperson: You've been praying for an hour!

Crowdperson: Let's get on with the celebration!

Reporter: Hopefully the person praying will finish up soon! Back to you in the studio.

[Scene: newsdesk]

Anchor #2: Thank you. That is an interesting report.

Anchor #1: The temple is not the only place where people have gathered. A crowd has also gathered around Jesus. _____, what is going on?

[Scene: Jesus with a crowd]

Reporter: Well, a crowd has come to hear Jesus teach! Let's listen in on what is said.

Jesus: Don't pray just to be seen and heard. And don't just babble on and on... that doesn't help the Father hear your prayers.

Crowdperson: Jesus, then how are we supposed to pray?

Jesus: Go into your room and close the door where no one can see except the Father, and then pray.

Crowdperson: What kind of words should we use?

Jesus: Just pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Reporter: There you have it, Jesus on how to pray.
Back to you in the studio!

[Scene: newsdesk]

Anchor #1: What an interesting morning! Two news stories on prayer.

Anchor #2: We'll talk about this some more in our Crossfire segment, right after a commercial.

[Commercial: kids are lying on the ground]

Narrator: Are you feeling tired and lazy? Do always seem to have no energy whenever your mom cleans your room? Well, perk up! There is a solution! Try some Dr. Pepper if you need a pick-me-up!

[Kids pour/drink some Dr. Pepper]

Kid: Wow, it is working, I feel like my body is changing!

Kid: The sugar in Dr. Pepper already giving me superhuman energy levels!

Kid: Come on, let's clean our room! It will only take a few minutes now!

Narrator: Dr. Pepper—it works every time!
Warning—May cause cavities and even worse
laziness when the sugar high wears off.

[Scene: Crossfire]

Crossfire Host: Welcome to Crossfire. The hot topic of the day is prayer. With me is _____, and _____ to analyze what has happened. _____, what do you think about the Pharisee who prayed too long?

Guest #1: Well, I think Jesus would say that he is trying to draw attention to himself, instead of God, and that God won't reward him for those kinds of prayers.

Crossfire Host: Interesting. Jesus did have some excellent things to say about prayer. _____, what do you think were the two most important things about Jesus's example prayer?

Guest #2: First of all, before he asked anything from God the Father, he praised Him. Second, we need to forgive others if we expect God to forgive us our sins.

Crossfire Host: Great points. Thank you both. Now, back to the studio!

[Scene: newsroom]

Anchor #1: Thank you very much for that analysis.

Anchor #2: Well, that is all the time we have here at BBC News. Thank you for joining us this morning. Have a great day!