

A photograph of autumn leaves falling from a tree, with a large pile of fallen leaves in the foreground and a tree trunk on the left. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly blurred style, emphasizing the movement of the leaves. The colors range from bright yellow to deep brown and red. The text "The ABC of Prayer" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

The ABC of Prayer

Interesting Statistics about Prayer

Covid drives
people to pray
more

[How COVID-19 Has Strengthened Religious Faith | Pew Research Center](#)

Kids pray more
than Adults

[Younger people more likely to pray than older generations, survey finds | The Church of England](#)

87% had their
prayers answered
over the past year

[87% of Praying Americans Report Answered Prayers Over the Past Year | CBN News](#)

Sermon Text (Matthew 6:5-9)

“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. But 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. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. **“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven.**

Sermon Outline

Part 1: **LOVE** (Today)

Prayer is a **LOVE**
RELATIONSHIP with God
(Matt 6:9)

Part 2: **LIFE** (Next week)

Prayer is **TALKING** to God
inwardly and **WORKING** with
God outwardly (Matt 6:5-8)

A photograph of autumn leaves on the ground and in the air, with a tree trunk on the left. The text "How to Pray?" is overlaid in white.

How to Pray?

Everyone is a **Beginner when it comes to prayer**

John Ortberg

The background of the slide is a dark, textured surface covered with numerous question marks. Some are in shades of gold and brown, while others are dark grey or black. A single, large, bright white question mark is the central focus, appearing to glow and stand out from the others.

More
Questions than
Answered
Prayers

Prayer is **not logical**; it is a **mysterious** moral working of the Holy Spirit

Oswald Chambers

This is how you should Pray...

OUR FATHER

Prayer taught by Jesus is..

REVOLUTIONARY and **PERSONAL**

Reframing our Mindset

From a **RELIGIOUS** activity to a personal **RELATIONSHIP** with God.

Relationships thrive on...

- **Connection**
- **Communication**
- **Communion**

Is this possible with God?



A dark, blue-tinted photograph of a cluttered desk. The desk is covered with stacks of papers, some crumpled, and several water bottles. A calculator is visible in the lower right corner. The overall scene suggests a busy, disorganized workspace.

Rummaging for God

A close-up photograph of autumn leaves on the ground. The foreground is filled with a thick layer of brown and yellow leaves. In the background, a tree trunk is visible on the left, and several leaves are captured in mid-air, falling from above. The overall scene is softly lit, suggesting an overcast day.

I AM HERE

Where is God?

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

Love Relationship with God?

Absolutely POSSIBLE..

Satisfy us in the morning with your **unfailing love**, that we may sing for joy (Psalm 90:14)