

The Way I Pray

Father, since prayer is talking to You,
I want my prayers to reflect You,
 the One to Whom I am speaking.
You are unspeakably great and holy.
You are all-powerful,
 all-loving, and
 all-wise, knowing all my needs before I ask You.
Help me to talk to You accordingly, Father.

May my prayers be sincerely spoken to You alone,
 not sham performances
 aimed at impressing others.
How rude!
 No one would like being talked to
 with the speaker actually trying to impress someone else.
When we pray to be heard by others,
 we are saying that we value their approval over Yours.
 We believe in them and fear them more than You.

May my prayers be simple, direct, and trusting,
 not a river of words that
 beg for Your attention and response.
Such praying would show little confidence in
 Your Fatherly wisdom and love.

May my prayers be dominated by You and Your greatness.
Thus may they be focused on Your glory,
 Your kingdom,
 Your will,
 Your faithful, daily provision,
 Your forgiveness, and
 Your keeping.
Father, may the way I pray reflect my faith in You.

*When faith is simple,
prayer is simple.*

Hymn: [Beyond All Thought](#)