

Sweet Hour of Prayer

W.W. Walford (1845)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Don't Pray Like a Pagan

Matthew 6:7-8

Hypocrite = _____

Gentile = _____

How do pagans pray?

I. _____

II. _____

What do pagans assume?

I. They must secure God's _____
because He isn't listening

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II. They must inform God's _____
because He doesn't know their needs

What is God really like?

I. God _____ the prayers of His children

John 1:12; Galatians 3:26; Romans 8:15-16

Psalms 18:6; 34:15; 40:1

II. God _____ the needs of His children

"[Prayer is not] the communication of information, or a technique for getting things from God (the more words you put in the more results you get out). It is the expression of a

_____ of _____

which follows from knowing God as 'Father.'"

R. T. France, The Gospel of Matthew, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publication Co., 2007), 241

Some pray _____ so people will see them,
others pray _____ so God will hear them,
but children of the King pray _____
because their Father already knows them and their needs.