

PRAY WHERE YOU ARE

Matthew 6:6

"But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you"



**PRAY
WHERE
YOU ARE!**

**PRAY WHERE YOU ARE - THE PLACE MAY
CHANGE. THE RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT.**

Matthew 6:6

As you look a little closer you'll see that the phrase, "Pray Where You Are" complements and expands on Matthew 6:6 because it shifts the emphasis of the closet from merely being a physical room. It moves it into the deeper understanding that Jesus was teaching that we are to withdraw our attention from the audience and everything that might be going on around us and turn it toward the God the Father .

Matthew 6:6 says:

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret..." — Matthew 6:6, KJV

The "closet" is a place of privacy, but the principle reaches beyond four walls. You may not always have a prayer room, a quiet bedroom, or a church sanctuary available. Your closet can become the place where you intentionally shut out the noise and turn your attention toward God.

That can happen at the kitchen table. In the car before going inside. Sitting on a park bench. At your desk during a difficult day. In a hospital waiting room. Walking down the street. Or quietly sitting in the middle of a crowded room.

The location does not create the intimacy. Your attention does.

You can close a door without touching a doorknob.

You can quiet your heart in the middle of a crowded place.

You can speak to God before anyone else even knows you're praying.

Your closet can be wherever you are.

Prayer is not waiting until you get somewhere "sacred".

Prayer is recognizing that when you turn toward God, the place where you are can become sacred.

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WHERE IS YOUR CLOSET?

Your closet can be wherever you meet with God.

Think about the places you regularly find yourself during the week. Where could you intentionally turn your attention toward God, even when you cannot physically withdraw from everything around you?

Personal Reflection

Where am I most likely to need a moment with God?

What usually keeps me from praying right where I am?

What would change if I stopped waiting for the “right” time or place to pray?

A Prayer

Father, teach me to recognize that I do not have to wait for the perfect place to meet with You. Help me quiet the noise, turn my attention toward You, and pray where I am. Amen.