

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. Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

In Secret

Here I am Father. I have shut the door to my room. There are no distractions. I have closed myself off to all the noise and demands of the world. This time we have together has been carved out of my schedule and set aside for the sole purpose of meeting with you. At first it was a challenge to make this time to be with you a regular practice in my life, but now it's not at all.

Why is that? For a very long time I let all the loudest voices scream for my attention. **What do you mean by that?** Well, there were voices of duty and my "to do" lists which demanded my attention and were never completed. I foolishly thought I didn't have time to meet with you. Somehow, I thought that at some point I would get around to meeting with you during the day. **But you usually never did.** That's right. **What changed for you?** I'm not sure exactly. I guess I just got weary and felt very unfruitful in my life. I was getting a lot done. But, I began to wonder how important were all the things that I was getting done. I began to ask myself, "What will all these 'accomplishments' add up to in light of eternity?" **What answer came back to you?** The answer was "not much" or maybe even, "next to nothing". So, out of a sense of futility a desire grew within me to meet privately with you. **Where do you think that desire came from?** I know now that you gave me this desire to withdraw from the world to a time of being with you in your presence. **Yes, it was me. Tell me now how this time with me all began with you. I already know, but I want others to hear your story.**

One day it occurred to me to set aside just a few minutes to meet with you to pray and read your word every day. **How did that work out?** It worked great. **How so?** I think you guided me to select a specific time and place that could become sacred for us. **When and where was that?** It was in my room and just before I went to bed at night. **At night, that seems a little odd, doesn't it?** Not really, I knew that nothing would ever compete with this time and place so I dedicated it and myself to meeting with you then and there. **What happened then?** As you know, we began to meet together every night. Out of this time, my hunger and thirst for you grew like never before. I began to taste your goodness, mercy, and love. I began to understand better your will and what you wanted to do in and through my life. **What was that?** You wanted to change me into the person that you had planned that I would become. **Have I been doing that for you?** Yes, you most certainly have. You have also been showing me how you want to use me for your kingdom and glory. I now have a sense of purpose and hope that comes from you. I now know that I am bearing fruit through my life, with your help, that will last for eternity. **Do you believe that the promise of secretly meeting with me has come true for you? Have I been rewarding you as you have met with me?** Yes, Father, you most certainly have been rewarding me as I have met with you. Now I would not trade our time together for anything else in all of life. It is my joy to be in your presence. Just to know you and love you is reward enough.

Father, I know that you have been waiting for me to come to you in prayer. I have been busy and distracted by many things. Sorry, that I have kept you waiting. I am here now to wait and to listen to all that you have to say to me. Amen

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

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.

NIV Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

NLT Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

NRSV Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

But when you pray, go into your [most] private room, and, closing the door, pray to your Father, Who is in secret; and your Father, Who sees in secret, will reward you in the open.

AMP Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

"But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

NASB Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

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

ESV Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

NKJV Matthew 6:6

Prayer *From You To God*

"Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

MSG Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

But when you pray, go away by yourself, all alone, and shut the door behind you and pray to your Father secretly, and your Father, who knows your secrets, will reward you.

TLB Matthew 6:6

Prayer *Pray To Your Father*

When you pray, you should go into your room and close the door and pray to your Father who cannot be seen. Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you.

NCV Matthew 6:6

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you withdraw daily at a special time and in a secret place to meet to talk with your Heavenly Father.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, everyday I will meet to talk with you at a special time and in a special place.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, what do you want to talk about right now?
