

# Drama Script

(DRA001)

## Wrong ways to pray

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## DRAMA: “WRONG WAYS TO PRAY” (DRA001)

- Aim of Script:** To teach what Jesus says about wrong and right ways of praying.
- Use of Script:** In an All age Worship service this script could be used at the beginning of a service after some opening worship.
- The script could be followed by saying something like: “I wonder if you have ever thought that there is a right way and a wrong way to pray. This morning we are going to look at what Jesus says about the right way to pray, so that we can grow in our relationship with God.”
- Main themes:** Praying
- Biblical references:** Matthew 6:5-13, 7:7-8, 15:8
- Cast:** Hypocrite (H), Babblers (B), Mute (M), Religious (R), Off stage voice (O)
- Props:** The actors wear a piece of card around their neck that says: “Hypocrite,” “Babbler,” “Mute,” and “Religious.”

*(Enter H from back of church/room. Speaks in loud and pompous voice as walks towards front of church/room. If there is a pulpit H goes into it. Alternatively find a way to elevate H.)*

H: Attention everyone....please be quiet, for I am about to pray.  
You do realise that I am an expert in prayer.....I should say, in the **art** of prayer.....because it is indeed an art. Not everyone knows how to pray, but I do....

*(In a big gesture puts hands together held out in front, and says in a loud voice)*

God Almighty, victorious, gracious, and faithful. Here I am once again.  
Your humble servant bringing my supplications before you today  
Supplicating earnestly, honestly, with integrity and wisdom  
Deeply in awe of your inestimable worth.  
Grant your servant riches from your benevolent and restorative heart  
Omnipotent and omnipresent God. Amen

*(H freezes)*

O: Jesus says: 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.

*(H exits where he has spoken from and stands in front of the congregation. Enter B from back or side of church/room speaking the following words very quickly as they walk towards the front. They then stand in front of congregation at a distance from H)*

B: You know Lord all about the situation I am in....I simply cannot pay the gas bill. And that is because I had to lend Joey £6 last week and he hasn't paid me back and then it was my mother's birthday and I had to buy her a present, and any old present wouldn't do – it had to be an Abercrombie and Fitch sweatshirt in pink with flowers on the front – and that nearly emptied my bank account, and then of course I had to buy a bottle of wine, well if I am honest it was 2 bottles of wine to take to my friends' party and then I had to take my dog to the vet because it had fleas – oh they were everywhere, even on my bed, because I can't help myself letting her into my bed occasionally even though she does make a mess of my sheets – anyway the vet cost a fortune.....and now I can't pay my gas bill. Amen.

*(B freezes)*

O: Jesus says: 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.

*(B joins H. Enter M from back of church/room and stands in front of congregation at a distance from H&B)*

M: You may wonder why I am not praying – well the answer is, I don't need to. God knows everything without me telling him what I need, so why bother praying?

*(M freezes)*

O: Jesus says: Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives.

*(M joins B and H. Enter R from back of church/room & stands in front of congregation at a distance from H, B&M)*

R: It's 10.30am Sunday morning.... time to pray.

*(Puts hands together then rattles through the Lord's Prayer in a monotone as rapidly as possible without drawing breath)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*(R freezes)*

O: Jesus says: These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.  
 Jesus says that there is a right and a wrong way to pray. Have you ever thought of that?

*(Exit all)*

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