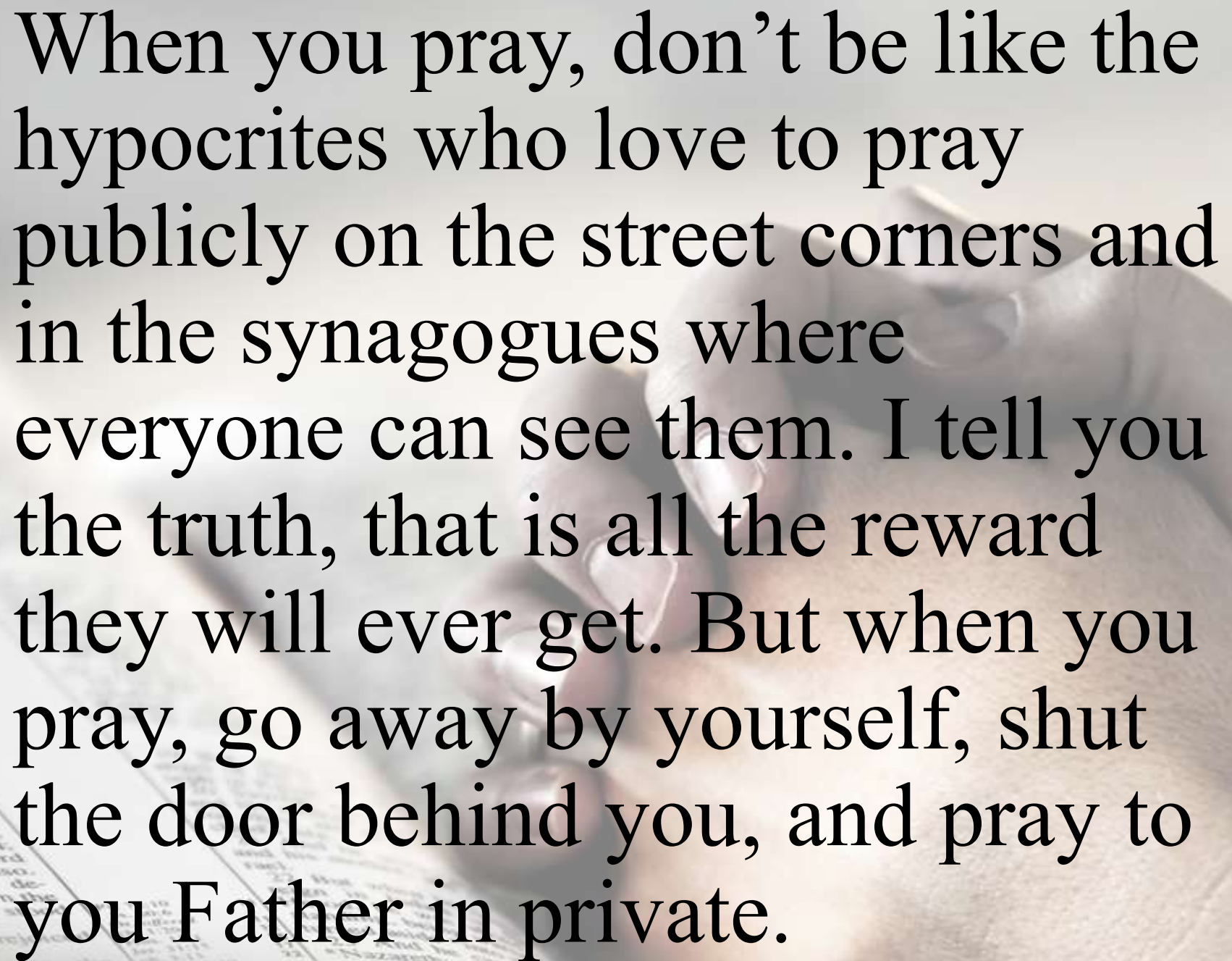


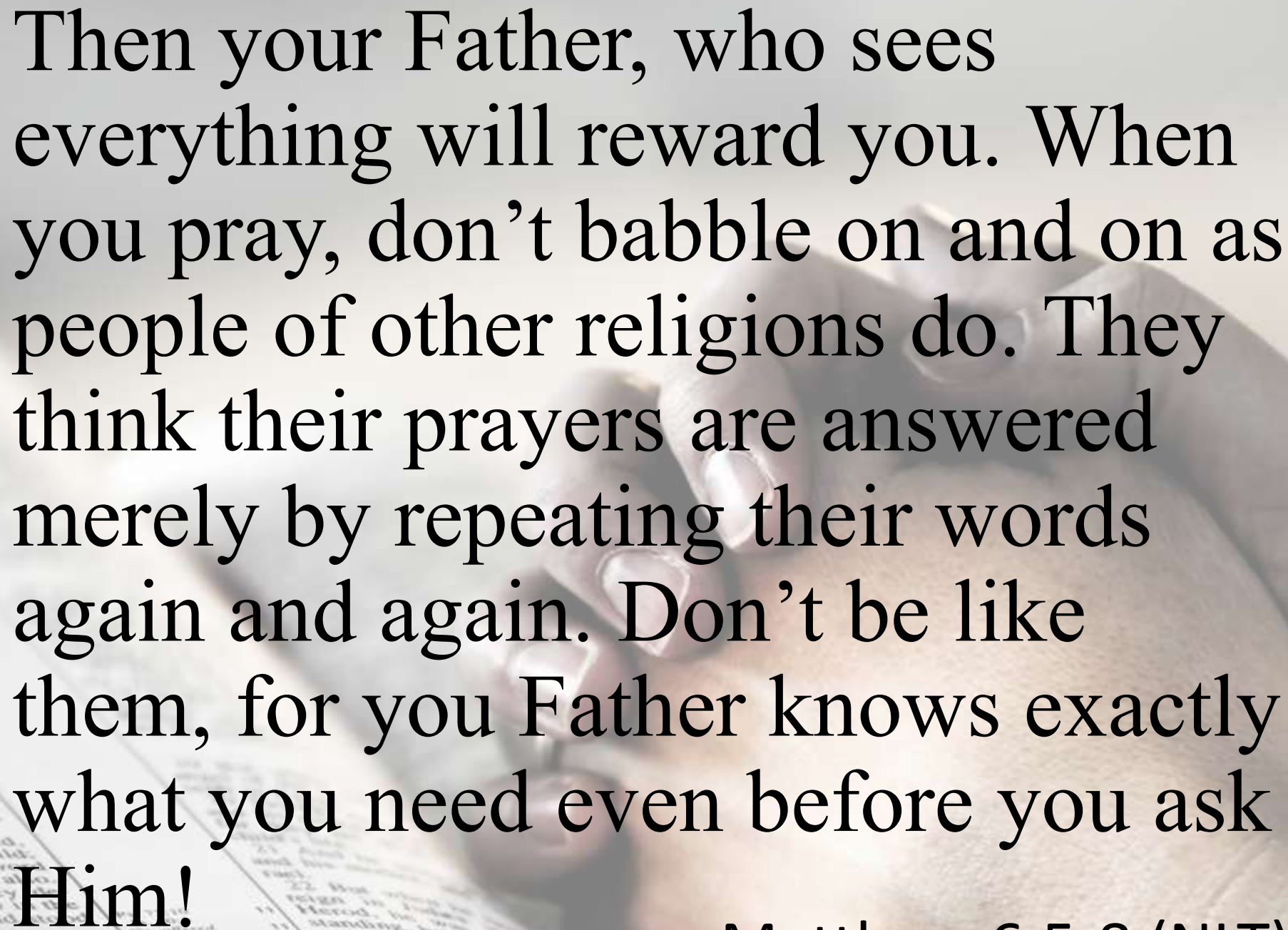
# Prayer: Opening Your Heart to GOD





A person is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt, with their hands clasped in prayer over an open book. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, black, serif font.

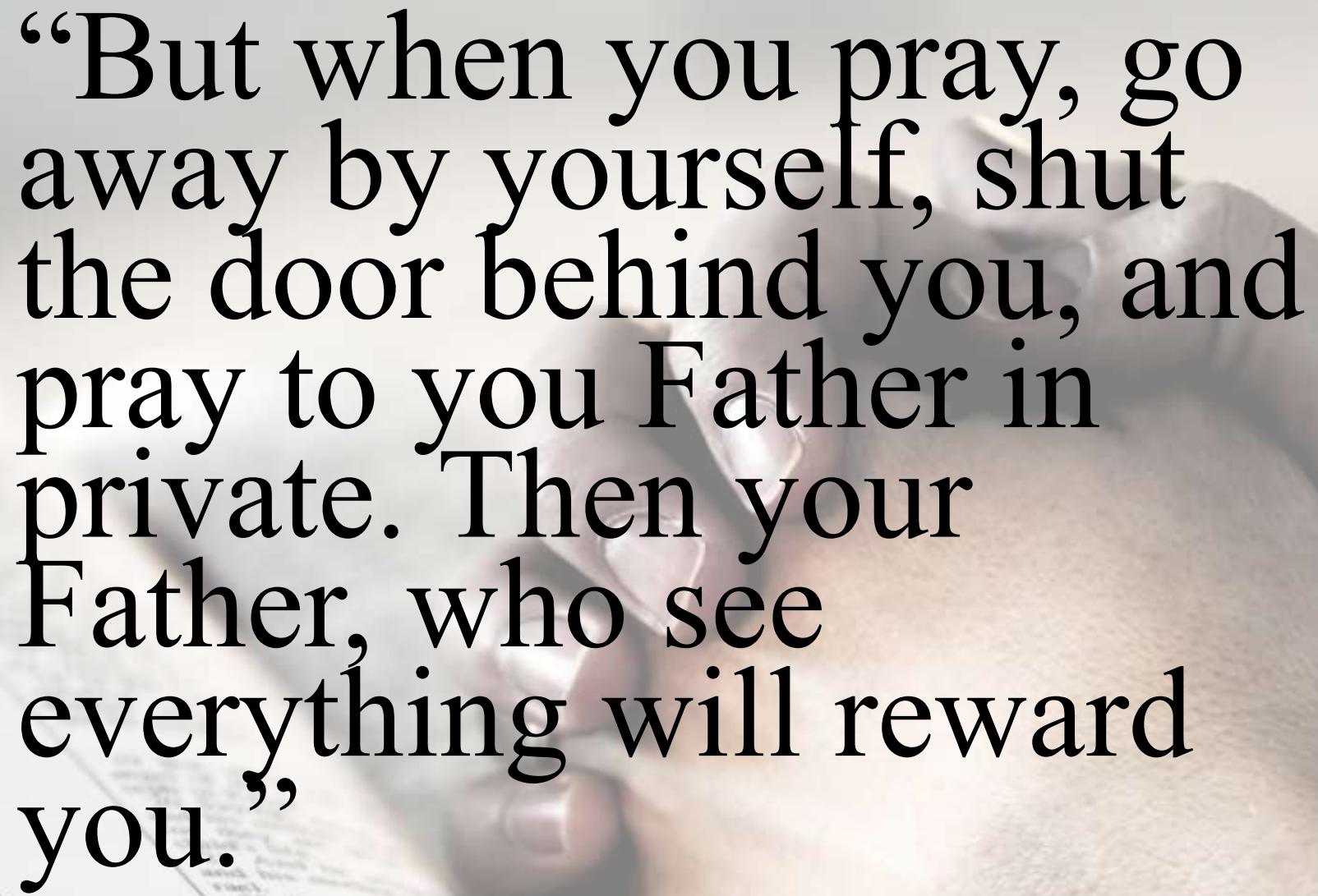
When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on the street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to you Father in private.



Then your Father, who sees everything will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for you Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!

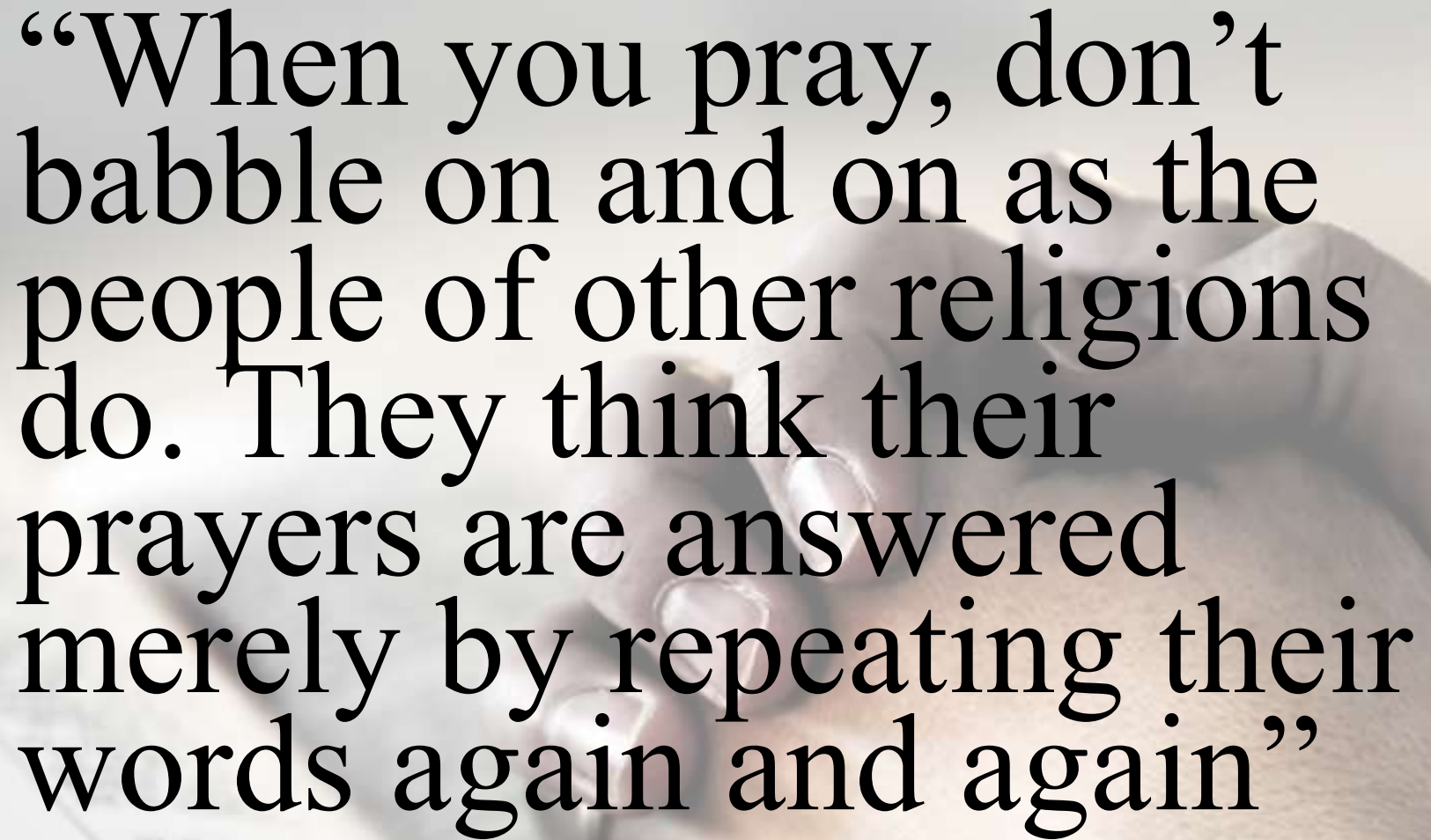
Matthew 6:5-8 (NLT)



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The hands are positioned as if reading or turning a page. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the skin of the hands. Overlaid on the image is a large, black, serif font quote from the Bible.

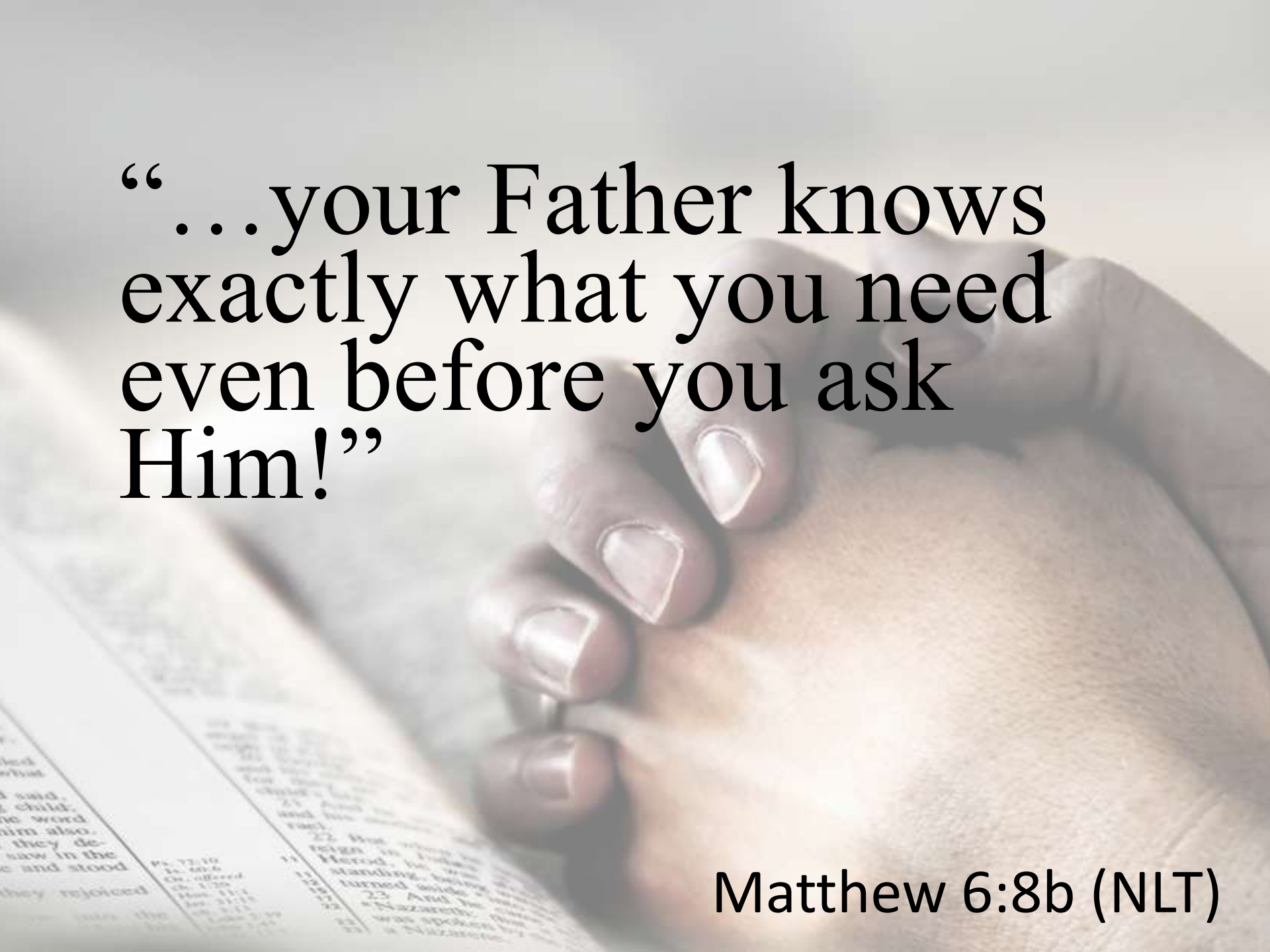
“But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.”

Matthew 6:6 (NLT)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with text, and the lighting is soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The text of the quote is overlaid on this background.

“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again”

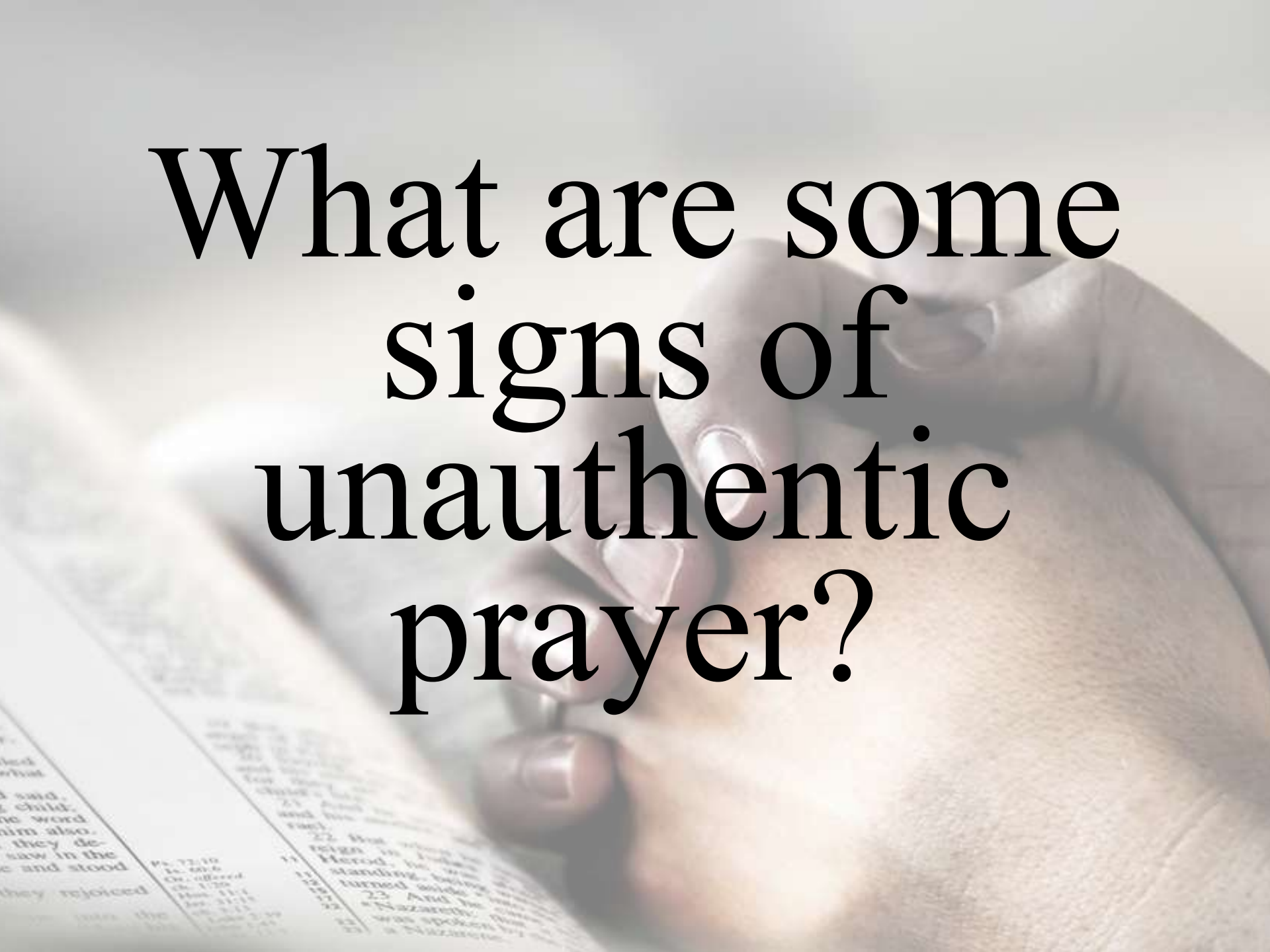
Matthew 6:7 (NLT)



“...your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!”

Matthew 6:8b (NLT)

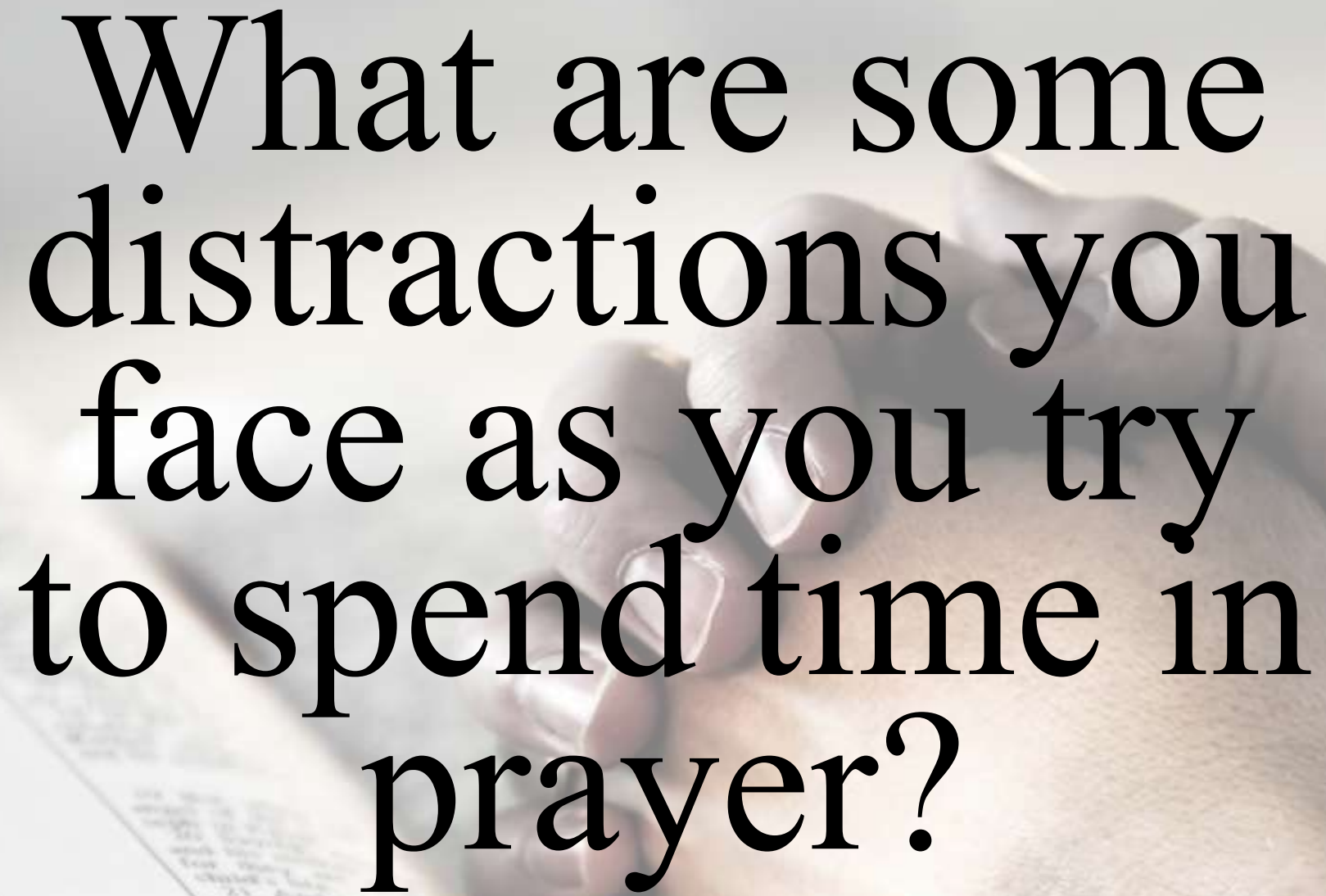




What are some  
signs of  
unauthentic  
prayer?

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with text, and the hand is positioned as if about to begin writing. The overall scene is softly lit, creating a contemplative and focused atmosphere. Overlaid on this image is the central text of the slide.

How can we  
develop an  
authentic prayer  
life?

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The hands are positioned as if reading or holding the book steady. The Bible's pages are visible, showing some text. Overlaid on this image is a large, black, serif font text that reads: "What are some distractions you face as you try to spend time in prayer?".

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