Trust the King – How to Pray Pt. 2 – Matthew 6:9-15 – November 22, 2026

We're into our Trust the King sermon series from the Sermon on the Mount…Lord's Prayer
- This is the most famous and most recited prayer in history…most if not all know heart
- In my Small Group this last Monday…we started the meeting by reciting Lords Prayer
- Last week we learned how not to pray…this week we learn how to pray from Jesus

I have a confession to make…don't judge me…I love Gordon Ramsay TV shows
My favorite is Master Chef…take a bunch of amateur chefs and have them compete money
Gordon Ramsay does is he demonstrates how to do something – Lobster | Chicken | Fish
He is the master demonstrating how to do something that everyone else is supposed to do
This what Jesus is doing for us here…He is the master demonstrating to us elements prayer
Before started…I want you to know reciting the Lords Prayer isn't wrong…isn't necessary
- Jesus says 'pray like this' not 'pray this' – It is a model of good and powerful prayers
- Jesus is not giving us something to memorize…teaching them how to approach God

So as we read this think of it as a demonstration and not something you repeat

[9] Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. [10] Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread, [12] and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [14] For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, [15] but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

1857 – Jeremiah Lanphier – Businessman and lay evangelist – Lunchtime Prayer Meeting
- He distributed flyers and opened the church building at noon…first meeting 6 showed
- He didn't give up and the next week 20 and the next week 40…before long…packed
- He went to holding the prayer meetings daily…spread to other cities
- Became one of the largest prayer revivals in American History – Fulton Street Revival

These were people recognizing their need God and seeking His work in their lives…Matt. 6
Prayer is not about making God a part of our plans; it's about making His plans our priority

**Big Idea – Let your prayers express devotion and dependence on God**

Pattern for prayer teaches us to put God's name, kingdom, and will before our own desires
Today break down the five elements of the Lord's prayer into applicational bites

**1. Recognize God's Greatness (vv. 9)**

[9] Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

Before Jesus teaches us to pray about our needs, He teaches us to focus on God's name
- Before He addresses our daily bread, He addresses our heavenly Father
- Before we ask God to change our circumstances, He teaches us to recognize who God is
- There is something significant about the order of this prayer

Jesus wants us to understand that prayer begins with God, not with us

a. 'Our Father' - The first two words of this prayer are incredibly personal
- We have the privilege of approaching the Almighty God personally and confidently

The God who created the universe invites you to call Him Father… President won't take call
- We don't approach God as spiritual outsiders trying to earn His attention
- We approach Him as children who have been welcomed through Jesus Christ

b. 'In Heaven' – Though He is like a father…He is not like an earthly father…Heaven!
- This reminds us of His authority, power, sovereignty, and majesty
- He is not limited by human weakness or earthly circumstances…humanize God

He is above every problem we face, greater than every obstacle we encounter
- There is a beautiful balance here - God is both personal and powerful
- He is close enough to hear our prayers and powerful enough to answer them

c. 'Hallowed be your name' - The word *hallowed* means holy, sacred, or set apart
- Jesus is teaching us to begin our prayers by recognizing the holiness of God
- God's name represents character, and reputation – Cher | Madonna | Bono | YHWH
- To pray "hallowed be your name" is to say, "God, may Your name be honored
- May Your character be recognized - May Your glory displayed…This isn't phone a friend

Before we ask God to address needs, we must remember His glory is our greatest priority
1 Kings 8, Solomon dedication of the newly constructed temple in Jerusalem…arms…prayed
- He didn't pray for Israel's prosperity, protection, or success…God honored nations

2 k 8:60 "that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other."
May the glory of God bee made known in all of our prayers!

⇒ **Approach God with confidence because He is your Father** | Inadequate / Unworthy
Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace..."

⇒ **Approach God with reverence because He is holy** | Don't ever forget who talking to

**2. Request God's Kingdom (v. 10)**

[10] Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- What does 'Your kingdom come mean?'
- It is a prayer that says, "Lord, let Your kingdom become increasingly visible on earth."
- When we pray, "Your kingdom come," asking God to advance His rule in this world

We are asking Him to save the lost, transform hearts, strengthen His church, defeat the influence of evil, and bring people into submission to His authority

This prayer is bigger than our personal needs, personal ambitions, and personal comfort
- God, I want what You want - I want Your purposes accomplished
- I want Your name glorified - I want Your kingdom advanced

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

We should desire God's will to be accomplished on earth:
With the same obedience, submission, and faithfulness that it receives in heaven
In heaven, God is never disobeyed, His authority is never questioned, His holiness is never compromised, and His purposes are never resisted
Can you even imagine a world like that? Can we all agree that this world is screwed up?

- **The World Is Corrupted by Sin –** People have a heart problem
  - People increasingly call evil good and good evil | Only Fans – 8 Billion - 11th – Women's Lib
  - The problem: We don't just make mistakes; we are sinners who need a Savior
- **The World Is Confused About Truth –** People have a thinking problem
  - People reject God's wisdom for worldly wisdom
  - Truth becomes whatever someone wants it to be – Postmodernism – Going to Hell
  - The problem: We have exchanged God's truth for our own opinions
- **The World Is Captivated by Self –** People have a priorities problem
  - People love themselves more than they love God
  - People pursue temporary pleasures instead of eternal purposes
  - The problem: We have made life about ourselves instead of making it about God.

The world is broken because we have rejected God's authority, abandoned God's truth, and replaced God's glory with our own | Kings Messenger | Three things this means for us…

⇒ **God's Authority Should Be Recognized on Earth** – Desire people everywhere to know
⇒ **God's Will Should Be Obeyed on Earth** – Without hesitation, excuses, or compromise
⇒ **God's Glory Should Be Revealed on Earth** – Lives | Families | Communities | Churches

**Don't just pray for God to make your life better - Pray for God to make His kingdom bigger**

**3. Rely on God's Provision (v. 11)** [11] Give us this day our daily bread,

- Trust God to provide what you need one day at a time
- We spend so much time worrying about tomorrow…we forget to trust God with today
- This petition teaches us to depend on God daily to provide everything we need

a. Give us - Jesus reminds us that everything we have ultimately comes from God

- We work for our paycheck, but God gives us the ability to work
- We purchase our groceries, but God provides the resources that make food possible

James 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..."

We often become so accustomed to God's blessings that we forget where they come from

Think about the many blessings you have today: Roof – Food – People you love…not all

- **The Blessing of God's Presence** - God is not distant from us; He is present with us
  - We never have to face life's challenges alone because God is always with us
- **The Blessing of God's Peace** - God gives us peace that transcends our circumstances
  - God's peace doesn't calm every storm; it calms your heart through every storm
- **The Blessing of God's Promises** - Assurance that God's promises are trustworthy
  - One of my favorite Scriptures is Revelation 21:4-5 = New Heaves and New Earth

Jesus may not make everything right today, but He has promised to make everything right one day.

Jesus teaches us to ask God for what we need - Give us this day our daily bread

- Jesus specifically teaches us to pray about physical needs
- God cares about your spiritual life, but He also cares about your daily needs
- Bring our concerns, struggles, finances, families, everyday necessities before Him

Before you start to worry…ask yourself…Have I prayed about this?

Give us this day our daily bread - Notice the emphasis on daily bread…Not a lifetime supply

- He is teaching us to trust God for today's needs…wake up in the morning…first thing

This echoes the Old Testament account of the Israelites receiving manna in the wilderness

God provided food His people every morning, only to gather enough for that day…sabbath

God was teaching His people to depend on Him daily – Every morning fresh dependence

⇒ Stop borrowing tomorrow's troubles

⇒ Stop allowing uncertainty about the future to rob you of today's faith

⇒ Start trusting God with what you need right now

Remember, God who provided for you yesterday is still capable of providing for you today

**4. Resist the Enemy's Temptation (13)**

[13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Greatest mistakes we can make is believing spiritual maturity makes immune to temptation

Longer you have been a Christian, more Bible you know, more experience…guard down

Temptation doesn't discriminate - Doesn't matter how long been saved, how much Scripture memorized, or how faithfully you've served God. Every believer faces temptation

- Even Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness
- If Satan was willing to tempt the Son of God…never assume he will leave us alone
- Jesus is teaching us that we cannot afford to become careless about temptation
- We must recognize the enemy's schemes, depend on God's strength…see us through

**We are never stronger than the temptation we refuse to take seriously**

There are two important truths in this verse

**a. Recognize the reality of temptation**

- "Lead us not into temptation," He is not suggesting that God tempts people to sin

James 1:13 - "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one."

We pray that God would guide our steps away from situations where we might fall into sin

- You can be tempted to compromise your integrity – Entertain sinful thoughts
- You can be tempted to give in to anger - Pursue what God has forbidden
- You can be tempted to abandon your convictions when obedience becomes difficult

The enemy knows where we are vulnerable, and he knows how to exploit our weaknesses

The enemy knows not to tempt me with riches…insecurity and fear

We must recognize that temptation is real and that none of us is beyond its reach

**b. Request God's protection** - "but deliver us from evil."

- The phrase can also be translated "deliver us from the evil one."
- Pray for God's protection b/c cannot defeat spiritual opposition through own strength

It Feels Evil – Demon Hunter Tim Wood investigates hauntings and malevolent entities

Eph. 6:11 - Put on whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of devil.

**Enemy has a strategy – Exploit Pride – Stir Anger – Weaken Commitment | We should too**

- We don't have to surrender to Satan's temptations – Turn Temptation Into Prayer

**You cannot always prevent temptation from knocking on your door, but through God's strength, you don't have to invite it inside |** Driving down a steep mountain side

⇒ Identify your areas of weakness – Be honest about where you are most vulnerable

⇒ Ask God for strength every day – Don't wait for temptation to come to start depending

**Don't play with temptation; pray for God's protection**

**5. Receive God's Forgiveness (vv. 12, 14–15)**

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Jesus reminds us forgiveness is not optional for those who have experienced God's grace

- Jesus connects receiving forgiveness with extending forgiveness

**a. Recognize How Much You Have Been Forgiven** - and forgive us our debts

- Sin is described as a debt because we owe God what we can never repay

Every act of disobedience, every selfish decision, and every rebellion against God's Word creates a debt before a holy God | GOSPEL

**b. Relinquish your desire for vengeance**

[14] For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

- A heart genuinely transformed by God's forgiveness should become a forgiving heart
- 'Forgive and Forget' - Forgiveness means releasing your right to revenge
- Don't pretend | It means refusing to let someone else's offense control your heart
- Forgiveness means you no longer seek personal vengeance

**c. Remember the Seriousness of Unforgiveness**

[15] but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses

- Warning us against claiming have received God's mercy while refusing to show mercy
- We all need mercy and grace…do you know why? We make mistakes and do wrong
- Your first inclination as a Christian when wronged isn't retaliation but grace

We cannot celebrate God's mercy toward us while demanding judgment for everyone else

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot four times – Attacker = imprisoned for life

- On December 27, 1983…pope went to prison…forgave his attacker | PHOTO OF GRACE

⇒ Release Those Who Have Wronged You

⇒ Remember the Mercy God Has Shown You

⇒ Reject the Root of Bitterness

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