



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READ

- Read Matthew 6:5-15, specifically focusing on verse 9, and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Why do you think Jesus begins this prayer by saying, “Our Father in heaven”?
- What does calling God “Father” communicate about his nature and character? Why might this have been surprising to Jesus’ audience?
- How does the word “our” challenge the way prayer is typically viewed?

APPLY

- How do you think your prayers would change if you truly believed God welcomes you as a loving father?
- What would it look like for our CG (and entire church) to pray more with a sense of “our” rather than just “me”?

PRAY

- Break into groups of 2-5 (same gender). Share life updates, praises, and prayer requests. Focus on spending intentional time in prayer, praising God for who he is, and lifting up each other’s requests.