



## A Model Prayer

January 14th, 2023 @ 5:00PM

**We have more to share. Text CONNECT to 888-644-4034**

Pastor Doug McCoy

 Provision - physical

 Forgiveness - spiritual

 Guidance - both

 Deliverance - both

**Matthew 6:9-13** (NIV) **9** “**This, then, is how you should pray:**

“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 today 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 the evil one, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

With this Model Prayer, Jesus is setting an example for us. Jesus is A) showing us a way to pray and B) encouraging us to pray that way.


What does this prayer show us about how to pray and/or not to pray?

**Matthew 6:5** (NIV) **5** “And 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.

**I. Simple.** There is nothing complex or difficult in this prayer.

 Simple language

 Simple requests

 Simple interaction

Prayer is just talking to a reasonable God in reasonable words about reasonable things. It is that simple.

**II. Short.** The Model Prayer is not long. It has only 66 words (NIV) and it takes only half a minute to recite.

**Matthew 26:40** (NIV) **40** Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter.

Prayer doesn’t need to be longer than it needs to be. Sometimes it needs to be an hour. Other times it needs to be short.

**III. Spiritual and Physical.** Jesus made a combination of petitions and proclamations about both earthly things and heavenly things.

 Worship - spiritual

It isn’t one or the other. Prayer is both spiritual and physical.

**IV. Confident or Faithful.** Jesus is not begging God for things He suspects He won’t receive. He is asking for what He knows He already has.

**Luke 11:11-13** (NIV) **11** “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for [f] a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Jesus is not desperate or doubting here. He is confident and faithful.

**V. Plural.** Jesus doesn’t just pray this prayer for Himself. He prays it for everyone. The prayer uses *our*, not *my*.

**Matthew 5:44** (NIV) **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Jesus prayed this prayer for everyone. He made it plural.

**Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,  
for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

**Sun** Genesis 42-44  **Mon** Genesis 45-47  **Tue** Genesis 48-50

**Wed** Exodus 1-3  **Thur** Exodus 4-6  **Fri** Exodus 7-9  **Sat** Exodus 10-11




## The Lord's Prayer

January 15, 2023 @ 9:20AM

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Pastor Jennifer Jackson

**“At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us. It is simple enough to be memorized by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer.”~ The Archbishops of Canterbury and York**

 Jesus said to them, “WHEN you pray” He expected to hear from us

*Matthew 6:6-14 (NIV) 6 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. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 “This, then, is how you should pray:*


Our

 Yours, Mine & Ours

Father

 Best dad ever award!

in heaven,

 His ways are Higher, His thoughts are Higher

*Psalms 61:2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

*Psalms 108:4 For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

*Isaiah 55:9*

*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

hallowed (HOLY) be your name,

 Our natural response is to “Behold Him” saying Holy, Holy, Holy

10 your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

 Reverent submission always works

11 Give us today our daily bread.

 It's OK to ask our Provider for everything

12 And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

 Inner Homework - continually check your heart

*Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**(Doxology - For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever AMEN)**



## Pray First: The Lord's Prayer

January 16, 2023 @ 11:00AM

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### I. Your Father Knows

**Matthew 6:5–8** (NASB) *Jesus on the poor and Prayer* **5** “And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. **6** But as for 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.

**7** “And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. **8** So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

- A. Your audience in prayer is only God the Father
- B. Mindless repetition is useless; God knows you

### II. Jesus' Instruction on Prayer

**Matthew 6:9–15** (NASB) **9** “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father, who is 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’


**14** For if you forgive *other* people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive *other* people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

- A. Identity and Position
- B. Welcome Heaven
- C. We need i) life, ii) forgiveness, iii) protection
- D. Relationally clean

### III. Fasting and True Treasure

**Matthew 6:16-21** (NASB) **16** “Now whenever you fast, do not make a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they distort their faces so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. **17** But as for you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** so that your fasting will **not be noticed by people but by your Father** who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

**19** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

 Heaven is real and important, a safe place.

#### Notes:

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- Sat. Jan. 14, Gen 40-41
- Sun. Jan. 15, Gen 42-44
- Mon. Jan. 16, Gen 45-47
- Tue. Jan. 17, Gen 48-50
- Wed. Jan. 18, Exodus 1-3
- Thur. Jan. 19, Ex. 4-6
- Fri. Jan. 20, Ex. 7–9
- Sat. Jan. 21, Ex. 10-11
- Sun. Jan. 22, Ex. 12-14