

How to Pray – March 11, 2018 Pastor Shannon Chapman

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Six petitions in this passage:

3 Divine Petitions (Focus on God)

3 Human Petitions (Focus on Human need)

Introduction to the Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

God wants us to connect with Him relationally.

Do not ever lose sight of the deity of God.

Divine Petitions

1. Hallowed be Your name

Always great to start your prayer in adoration.

The Name of God is hallowed meaning reverenced as holy.

2. Your kingdom come

When Jesus came to earth, the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand.

3. Your will be done

Pray for God's priorities.

We need to shift from self-centered praying to God-centered praying.

Human Petitions

4. Give us our daily bread

Daily bread = Daily provision

Give us what we need to live so that we might live a life of gratitude towards God and generosity towards others.

5. Forgive us our debts

If we are not pardoned of our daily sins, our full bellies mean nothing.

When we sin we sin against God.

6. Lead us not...But deliver us

Screaming utter dependence on God's provision, protection and power.

The word delivered = Snatch

Lord snatch us from the grip of the evil one.

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