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Matthew 6:13

GOSPEL THEME:

Jesus doesn't just teach us *how* to pray—He invites us into a relationship with the Father through the gospel. The Lord's Prayer reorients our priorities, reminds us of our dependence, and roots us in grace and trust.



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What is prayer?

"Prayer is communion with God as our Father, made possible through Christ and empowered by the Spirit."

Matthew 6:5-13

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1. “Hallowed be Your name.” — *Honor*

Matthew 6:9: Honor — *Prayer begins not with requests, but with remembering who God is.*

2. “Your kingdom come.” — *Reign*

Matthew 6:10a: Reign — *We long for God’s rule to advance in our lives and in the world.*

3. “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” — *Will*

Matthew 6:10b: Will — *Prayer shapes us to want what God wants and live for what lasts.*

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4. **“Give us this day our daily bread.” — Give**

Matthew 6:11: Bread — *God's faithfulness today is enough for today.*

5. **“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” — Forgive**

Matthew 6:12: Forgive — *Forgiven people, forgive.*

6. **“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” — Deliver**

Matthew 6:13: Deliver — *In temptation, our weeks meets God's provision through prayer.*



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“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

- Matthew 6:13

Augustine said this verse is one petition expressed in two movements — **a negative** (“lead us not”) and **a positive** (“deliver us”).

“Father, I am weak. Protect me.”



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Matthew 6:13

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“And lead us not into temptation,...” - Matthew 6:13a

A Prayer of Humility and Self-Distrust

“God tempts no one” (James 1:13)

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I. The Negative Petition

Matthew 4:1

The verb — *the act of tempting.*
Jesus is “tempted” in the wilderness.
Satan is the active agent.
This is direct assault.

Matthew 6:13

The noun — *the situation in which temptation happens.*
The environment.
The conditions.

“Father, don’t let me walk into temptation unaware, unguarded, or self-confident.”



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A Prayer of Humility and Self-Distrust

It is a prayer of humility: *“I am not as strong as I think.”*

It is a prayer of self-distrust: *“I do not know myself as well as I imagine.”*

It is a prayer of dependence: *“I cannot navigate life without Your shepherding.”*



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“...the trials that would exceed our capacity and overwhelm our weakness.”

John Calvin (*Institutes* 3.20.46)



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“We cannot prevent temptation. But we pray that it may not overwhelm and crush us.”

Martin Luther (*Large Catechism, Sixth Petition*)



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I. The Negative Petition

“And lead us not into temptation,...” - Matthew 6:13

We are vulnerable:

Temptation is not neutral—it’s personal, persuasive, and persistent.
We overestimate our spiritual strength and underestimate sin’s power.

We are easily misled:

The word “lead” implies movement—we tend to follow what captures our hearts.
Left to ourselves, we follow desire, convenience, fear, or emotion rather than God.



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Cypher: “I know this steak doesn’t exist. I know that when I put it in my mouth, the Matrix is telling my brain that it is juicy and delicious. After nine years, you know what I realize? Ignorance is bliss.”



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“but deliver us from evil,.... - Matthew 6:13b

A Prayer of Confidence in God’s Power

“In asking to be delivered, we acknowledge that God alone is our Defender.”

Augustine (Enchiridion 116)



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II. The Positive Petition

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“God’s care is greater than our care; His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.”

Luther, Sermon on Matthew 6



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II. The Positive Petition

1. God Is a Father Who *Guides* His Children

2. God Is a Warrior Who *Rescues* His People

- Shield (Gen. 15:1)
- Refuge (Ps. 46:1)
- Fortress (Ps. 18:2)
- Mighty Warrior (Zephaniah. 3:17)

“The Christian may stagger under temptation, but he shall not fall, because God’s hand is under him.”

William Gurnall, Christian in Complete Armour



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SUMMARY:

This is not a fearful prayer—this is a confident prayer.



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Application

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Every temptation is a theological lie about:

- **God's goodness, our weakness, or sin's consequences.**

WHAT does God require?

→ **Reject the lies and name them.**

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Self-examination asks:

- **Where do I fall most easily?**
- **What situations weaken me?**
- **What patterns follow me year after year?**
- **Where am I spiritually tired, lonely, or proud?**
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“He that does not know his own weakness is already defeated.”

Willam Gurnall

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We pray:

- “Father, forgive me for walking into danger without You.”
- “Forgive me for trusting my strength more than Yours.”
- “Forgive me for believing lies instead of Your truth.”

WHY does this matter?

→ **Because sin is not merely wrong; it is dangerous. It destroys. It blinds.**

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Lead us. Rest is trusting:

- **God sees what we cannot see.**
- **God knows the traps on the path.**
- **God will not abandon His children.**

Gurnall: *"God is never closer to His saints than when they are in the fire of temptation."*

HOW do we rest?

→ **By surrendering control and trusting His leadership daily.**

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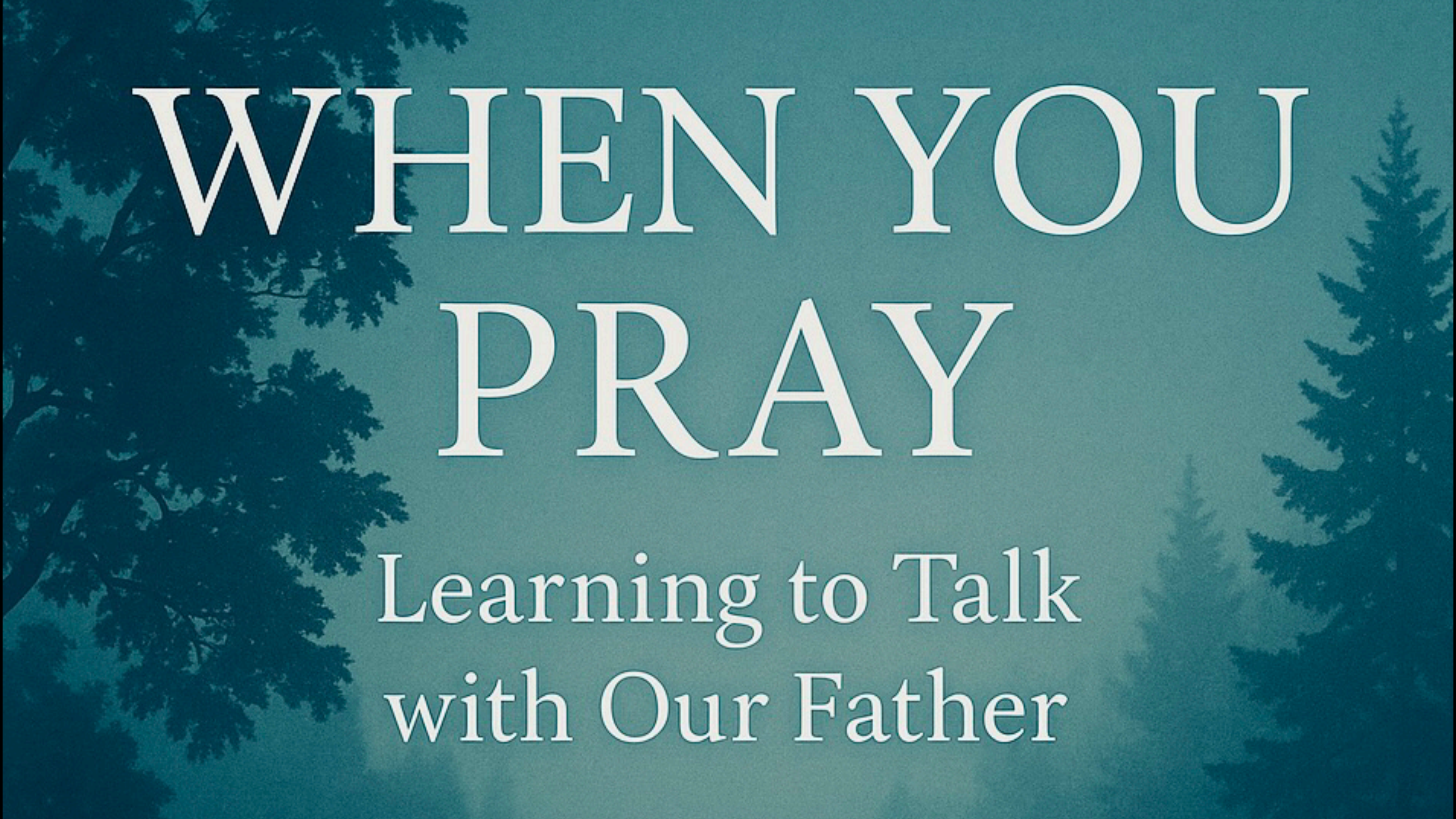
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