

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

The Lord's Prayer

With Shawn Woods
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Acknowledge God's rightful place as your Father because he has redeemed you.

Matthew 6:9 (NLT) "Our Father in heaven"

Exodus 4:22 (NLT) "Israel is my firstborn son. Let my son go, so he can worship me."

Praise God for who he is and what he has done because He is worthy.

Matthew 6:9 (NLT) "May your name be kept holy."

Exodus 33:12-18 (NLT) "One day Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, 'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.'"¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people."¹⁴ The Lord replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."¹⁵ Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place."¹⁶ How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."¹⁷ The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name."¹⁸ Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence."

Submit to God's rule and reign because He is the good King.

Matthew 6:10 (NLT) "May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Revelation 21:4 (NLT) "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

John 18:36 (NLT) "Jesus answered, 'My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.'"

Matthew 12:28 (NLT) "But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you."

Luke 17:20-21 (NLT) "One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come? Jesus replied, The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, Here it is! Or It's over there! For the Kingdom of God is already among you."

Bring today's needs to God because He is faithful.

Matthew 6:11 (NLT) "Give us today the food we need."

Matthew 6:25-34

Forgive others because we have been forgiven by God.

Matthew 6:12 (NLT) "Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."

"We are now called to be the people through whom the unique victory of Calvary and Easter is implemented in and for the whole world. The church is to be the advance guard of the great act of Forgiveness of Sins that God intends to accomplish for the entire cosmos. Justice and peace, truth and mercy, will one day reign in God's world; and the church... is to model and pioneer the way of life which is, actually, the only way of life, because it is the way of forgiveness."

Tom Wright, *The Lord and His Prayer* (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1996), 57.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT) "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Ask for protection because Jesus has already conquered Satan, sin, and death.

Matthew 6:13 (NLT) "And don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) "God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure."

Big Idea: Prayer positioned in praise moves us from fear to faith.



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- 3) Read Matthew 6:9-13. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about experiencing life in Jesus? What are the implications for those who want to follow Jesus?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to position your prayer in praise?
- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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