

NOTES: The Lord's Prayer
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Prayer is the most powerful practice for a follower of Jesus, however most of us struggle in our prayer lives simply because we were never taught how to pray. In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus teaches His

Matthew 6:9-13 (NASB)

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

God is not our equal. He is Holy meaning set apart, He is perfect, He is transcendent meaning He exists above and independent from all creation, and at the same time He is immanent, meaning to be within or near creation.

Psalms 116:1-2

I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Your kingdom come.

**Your will be done
on earth as *it is* in heaven.**

"Most of us struggle with prayer because we are praying for our will rather than God's will."

Give us this day our daily bread.

"Our aim as Christ followers is not self-sufficiency, rather it is complete dependency upon God."

**And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

All of us have issues in our lives and things we would like to be different. But our biggest need is that we all need forgiveness from the debt of sin. Jesus Christ is the only one who can do this in our lives.

"To forgive is not saying that what happened doesn't matter. It is saying that the wrongs that have occurred no longer define the relationship."

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

1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 12:1 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

"Jesus teaches us that effective prayer starts with God and ends with God."

Sermon Discussion Questions: The Lord's Prayer

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For continued group, individual, and family study

1. How would you define prayer?
2. If your prayers were written like those in the Psalms, what would those who read them learn about your concept of God?
3. Do you pray regularly? Do you fast regularly? Why or why not?
4. Do you feel like you know how to pray when you pray?
5. Do your private prayers reflect model that Jesus gave us?
6. Are there specific parts of the Lord's Prayer that you tend to leave out or struggle with?
7. What does it look like for God's will to be done in your life?
8. Have you ever prayed for something and it didn't turn out how you thought it would? What was your response?
9. Jesus tells us to ask God for our "daily bread". Sustenance only for the day requires great trust in God. How has our current cultural understanding of wealth building and retirement funds (which I think are wise choices) changed how we pray and trust in God?
10. How will you implement this model of prayer into your everyday life?