

What is prayer?

- Prayer is _____ to God

When should I pray?

- _____

“Pray constantly.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

- When you are _____

“But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

Matthew 6:6

- When you are with _____

“All these were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.”

Acts 1:14

How should I pray?

Matthew 6:9-13

Pray then like this:

*“Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.*

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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 evil.”

Pray then like this:

- Prayer is a _____
 - “Jesus says not, ‘If you pray,’ but ‘when you pray’ and thereby establishes His expectation that His people will be praying people.” Peter Lewis - *The Lord’s Prayer*
- This prayer is a _____
 - “Jesus’ intent was to give His disciples a model for prayer, as an example to follow, one that would teach them transferable principles for conversation with God.” R.C. Sproul - *The Prayer of the Lord*

Our Father in Heaven,

- What does it mean that God is our Father in heaven?
 - Father - God _____ you forever (Romans 5:8, 8:38-39)
 - In heaven - God _____ all things (Psalm 19:1; Romans 11:33-36)

Hallowed be Your Name

- Hallowed means _____
- In selfishness I want my name to be _____
- **Use the model** - spend time _____ God for who He is and what He has done

Your Kingdom Come

- The Kingdom is where Jesus _____
- The Kingdom comes when people _____ their lives to Jesus' rule
 - "To pray 'Your Kingdom come' is to pray for the success of the Gospel."
R.T. Kendall - *The Lord's Prayer*
- In selfishness I want to _____
- **Use the model** - pray for the _____ of a person who needs Jesus

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

- What is God's will?
 - God's will is His _____ (thelema)
 - God's desires are expressed in the _____
 - In selfishness I want _____ will to be done
 - **Use the model** - pray _____ truth over situations you or others face

Give us this day our daily bread

- Daily bread represents our basic _____ in life

“Two things I ask you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord.’ Or I may become poor and steal and dishonor the name of my God.” Proverbs 30:7-9

- In selfishness I want my _____
- **Use the model** - pray for _____ in your life and the lives of those around you

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

- Our debts are our _____
- We do not pray for salvation but for restored _____
 - “The Lord’s Prayer is a family prayer, in which God’s adopted children address their Father, and though their daily failures do not overthrow their justification, things will not be right between them and their Father till they have said ‘I’m sorry’ and asked Him to forgive the ways they have let Him down.” - J.I. Packer - *Praying the Lord’s Prayer*
- To break down barriers in our relationship with God we must _____ our sin

“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.” Psalm 66:18

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

- If we won’t forgive, then we don’t live in the Kingdom of _____
 - “Failure to forgive one another was not a matter of failing to live up to a new bit of teaching. It was cutting off the branch you were sitting on. The only reason for being Kingdom-people, for being Jesus’ people, was that the forgiveness of sins was happening; so, if you did not live forgiveness, you were denying the very basis of your own new existence.” N.T. Wright - *The Lord and His Prayer*
- In selfishness I don’t want to _____ my wrongdoing
- **Use the model** - examine your life and _____ your sin

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- We want to stay as _____ away from sin as possible

- In selfishness I want to _____ with temptation
- **Use the model** - pray for God's _____ from temptation and sin in specific areas of struggle

What are general principles about prayer we learn from Jesus teaching?

“Were we left to ourselves, any praying we did would both start and end with ourselves, for our natural self-centeredness knows no bounds. Indeed, much pagan praying of this kind goes on among supposedly Christian people. But Jesus’ pattern prayer, which is both crutch, road, and walking lesson for the spiritually lame like ourselves, tells us to start with God: for lesson one is to grasp that God matters infinitely more than we do.” J.I. Packer - *Praying the Lord’s Prayer*

- Our prayer is to be God _____
- Our prayer is to be _____
- Our prayer is to be _____ focused

Use the Model

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- Spend time praising God for who He is and what He has done.

Your Kingdom come,

- Pray for the salvation of a person in your life who needs Jesus.

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

- Pray for God’s expressed will in a certain situation.

Give us this day our daily bread,

- Pray for necessities in your life and the lives of those around you.

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

- Examine your life and confess your sin.

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

- Pray for God’s protection from temptation and sin in specific areas of struggle.

How can I meet with God in Prayer? Reflection Questions

#1 - What does the Lord's Prayer teach us about God?

#2 - What did you learn about prayer in this lesson?

#3 - How does Jesus' model of prayer battle selfishness and the flesh in our life?

#4 - How would you like Jesus' model of prayer to impact your prayer life?

***Do you have questions about this week's lesson?**

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