



PRAYER INVITATION

The Most Famous Prayer of Jesus

Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus instructs His followers on what it looks like to live in the kingdom of God. After teaching on the beatitudes, loving our enemies, and giving to the poor, Jesus delivers His most famous words on prayer:

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray...” (Matthew 6:5-9)

Jesus then prays what is now known as “The Lord’s Prayer.” This short and simple prayer has served as a guide for Christians throughout history and continues to shed light on how Jesus invites us to pray. This week, let’s pray the words of Jesus, line by line, over ourselves and our world.

Praying the Lord’s Prayer

- “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

What do you want to say to our holy Father in Heaven? Take a moment to begin your prayer by addressing God and His holiness as our creator.

- “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”

Where do you desire to see God’s kingdom come on earth as in heaven? How can you join God in His kingdom work? Take a moment to pray for God’s kingdom.

- “Give us today our daily bread”

What do you need God to provide for you today? It could be food, comfort, a friend, etc... Ask God for your daily needs and thank Him for them.

- “And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”

Where do you need to receive forgiveness from God? How is God inviting you to forgive others? Spend time receiving forgiveness and listening for who God is inviting you to forgive.

- “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”

How are you currently experiencing temptation? Pray for God to deliver you from all evil.

- "For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.”

Close your time of prayer by simply praising and thanking God for His goodness.

Closing Invitation

*Take a moment to reflect on your experience of praying with the Lord's Prayer. How did it go?
Are you sensing any invitation from God for how you might continue to practice praying with
the Lord's Prayer?*