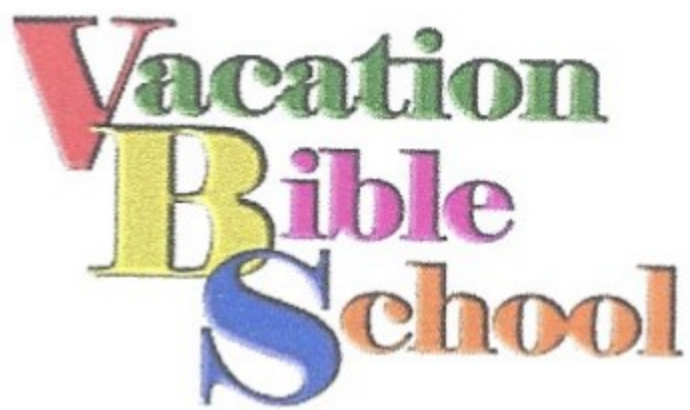




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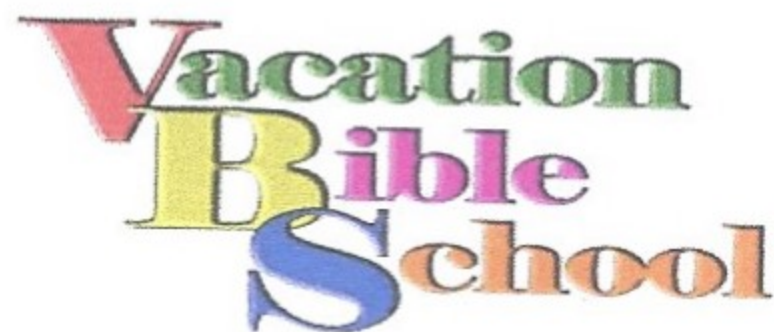
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# General Assembly Worship Guide

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### THEME VERSE

*(Read in unison.)*

**"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"**  
(Ephesians 6:11, KJV).

**Leader:** God loves us, and we are special to Him.

**Audience:** "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will ... rejoice over you with singing" (from Zephaniah 3:17, NIV).

**Leader:** God has made His only Son, Jesus, to rule over everything.

**Audience:** "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church" (Ephesians 1:22, NIV).

**Leader:** Because we are special to God, He gives us the power to do great things for Him as we commit our hearts to Jesus.

**Audience:** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (from Acts 1:8, NIV).

**Leader:** Because God gives us power in Jesus, He expects us to work for Him.

**Audience:** "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4, NIV).

## PLEDGES

### Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,  
And to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands;  
One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again,  
With life and liberty for all who believe.

### Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word.  
I will make it a lamp unto my feet,  
And a light unto my path.  
I will hide its words in my heart.  
That I might not sin against God.

### Pledge to Live as a Member of God's Family

I pledge to be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.  
I will seek my Heavenly Father in prayer and study of His Holy Word.  
I will love and forgive my brothers and sisters in Christ  
In order to please my Savior.

## PRAYER

*(Read in unison.)*

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for choosing us to be a part of Your family. Help us to love, forgive, and serve one another in Jesus' name. Amen."

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**LESSON ONE**  
**JUNE 22, 2021**

# Prayer Lesson 1: The Importance of Prayer

“Lord Teach Us to Pray” A Study in Practical Prayer[1]

One might assume that all Christians naturally understand the importance of prayer and spend time daily communing with God in this way. One would be wrong in this assumption. Many Christians spend little or no time in regular prayer. They pray at church, in crisis situations, and occasionally on religious holidays or when called upon in public, but rarely beyond that. Perhaps they don't comprehend the importance of prayer, or perhaps they struggle with the mechanics or the form or it. For whatever reasons, believers often neglect prayer.

## Lesson 1: The Importance of Prayer

Eph 6:18 ...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Why is prayer so important?

1. God commands believers to pray.
1. Pray without giving up (Luke 18:1)
2. Watch and pray (Luke 21:36)
3. Pray with supplication, watchfulness, and perseverance (Eph 6:18)
4. Pray earnestly, vigilantly, thankfully (Col 4:2)
5. Pray continually (1 Thes 5:17)
6. Pray seriously and watchfully (1 Pet 4:7)
7. God's people pray.



1. Jesus ([Mark 1:35](#); [Luke 6:12](#)): The words “pray” and “prayer” are used at least 25 times in connection with our Lord’s earthly ministry. Jesus continues to intercede for his people before God’s throne ([Heb 7:25](#)).
2. Abraham ([Gen 18:23f](#))
3. Moses ([Ex 33:11](#))
4. David ([Ps 17:1](#), [86:1](#))
5. Daniel ([Dan 6:10](#))
6. The Apostles ([Acts 6:4](#))
7. Church fathers, martyrs, missionaries, pastors, theologians, teachers, etc. Virtually anyone who’s served God in any significant way has been a person of prayer.
8. Prayer is God’s appointed means for obtaining things God would give to us. [James 4:2](#)
  1. God is not obligated to work through human prayer. He does whatever he wants. It is pure grace that God listens to our requests. He often says “no.” There is no magic “key” to persuading God to give us what we want.
  2. God hears and answers prayer according to his will ([1 John 5:14](#)). Our desire should be that God would grant our requests according to his will and for his glory. Our intent should not be to change God’s mind or overcome his reluctance to provide something we want.
  3. God grants mercy and grace to help in time of need ([Heb 4:16](#)). Christians need grace and help all the time, especially in times of crisis. Unfortunately, many Christians come before the throne of grace only during such times.
  4. We can legitimately tell God our requests in prayer ([Phil 4:6](#)). God promises to give us what we need, but not everything we want. When we cast all our cares upon God in prayer ([1 Pet 5:7](#)), we enjoy the peace that “passeth all understanding” ([Phil 4:8](#)).
  5. Prayer promotes sanctification and spiritual maturity. ([Luke 21:34-36](#))
    1. Sanctification ([Ps 139:23-24](#); [Heb 13:18](#))

2. Spiritual maturity ([Ps 119:18](#); [James 1:5](#))
3. Prayer empowers our work. E.g., [Eph 6:18-20](#); [1 Thes 5:25](#) —  
“pray for us”

1. God works through prayer in the conversion of the lost.
2. God works through prayer in the strengthening of the church.
3. God works through prayer in virtually every aspect of Christian life and service — preaching, teaching, evangelism, discipleship, parenting, etc.

*Quote:* Prayer will root out heresy, allay misunderstanding, sweep away jealousies and animosities, obliterate immoralities, and bring in the full tide of God’s reviving grace. In the hour of darkest portent, when the case of the church, local or universal, has seemed beyond hope, believing men and believing women have met together and cried to God and the answer has come. [\[3\]](#)

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Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story on the back of this paper.



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# Hearing The Voice of God



1 Don't make guidance complicated.

~ Submit to His Lordship

- Yield to the action control and power of what He has decided for us
- Bring thoughts captive to Christ (Proverbs 3:5-7a)
- Lean not on your own understanding.

~ Resist the Devil. James 4:7-8a

~ Expect an answer.

2 Listen to God

Luke 10:38-42  
Psalm 69:13

3 Check Your Heart

Psalm 66:18  
Sin hinders Prayers (Prov 28:9)

God will use others to confirm His direction, but look for Him to speak directly.

# Jesus Teaches About Prayer



**Ask**

**Seek**

**Knock**

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a \_\_\_\_\_, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of \_\_\_\_\_, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already \_\_\_\_\_, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you: \_\_\_\_\_ and it will be \_\_\_\_\_ to you; \_\_\_\_\_ and you will \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:5-10 (NIV)

ask

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## Prayer

Romans 8:26

And in like manner the \_\_\_\_\_ also helps our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought...

Luke 11:1

And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.

James 5:16

Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 14:15

...I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the \_\_\_\_\_ also...

1 Thess. 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_ without ceasing

Matt. 5:44

But I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them that \_\_\_\_\_ you.

James 5:13

Is any among you \_\_\_\_\_? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise.

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*“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

# *Prayer*

# *Journal*



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**LESSON TWO**  
**JUNE 23, 2021**

# Prayer Lesson 2: What is Prayer?

## Lesson 2: What Is Prayer?

We might wish that the Bible clearly defined what prayer is. We find many examples of prayer in the pages of Scripture, but no complete definition of the concept. Over the years, many people have tried to define what prayer is or what it should include. Most definitions seem to fall short in one way or another. Today's lesson will attempt to define prayer by looking at the elements of prayer.

### 1. Prayer expresses worship.

1. God is worthy of unending adoration and praise for who He is and what He has done (Ps 150:2). Expressions of worship are not merely the prelude for prayer; prayer is worship. The primary goal of prayer is to bring glory to God.

2. God is pleased when His people express their appreciation, praise, and adoration for His person and work. We should tell God what He means to us and rehearse before Him His great ways and works.

### 3. OT examples

1. 1 Sam 2:1-10
2. 1 Chron 29:10-16
3. Neh 9:5-6
4. Jer 32:17-22

### 4. NT examples

1. Matt 6:13
2. Luke 1:46-55
3. Rom 11:33-36

Quote: Praise purges our souls of selfish indulgence and turns our attention to him to whom all things are due. [1]

Note: We must avoid irreverent familiarity when approaching God in prayer. Many today pray to God as if they were talking to a neighbor or a buddy. We must approach God in a manner fitting with His majesty and power and with our own sinfulness and weakness. We may come boldly, but never arrogantly, flippantly or presumptuously. Our prayer language should be respectful and honorable.

1. Prayer expresses dependence.

1. Petition or supplication is asking for God something.

1. God invites believers to come boldly before the throne of grace ([Heb 4:16](#)) to make our requests ([Phil 4:6](#)). We should find it remarkable that God is sensitive to the desires of His sinful people. God is concerned about the seemingly trivial matters in the lives of believers ([Mt 10:29-31](#)). We can ask God for anything in keeping with His will and character.

2. Unfortunately, the greed and selfishness of human nature often corrupt our prayers to the extent that we ask for things merely to “consume it upon [our] lusts” ([James 4:3](#)). We must be very careful not to reduce prayer to a self-centered repetition of “give me.” Our goal in prayer is to request what we think God would want for us, not merely what we want. God is not some kind of vending machine who can be manipulated into giving us what we want when we say the right words. God is not constrained by the creation. God does not depend on us; we depend on Him.

2. Thanksgiving recognizes God as the source of the good things we enjoy ([James 1:17](#)). It is always proper to give thanks to God ([Phil 4:6](#); [1 Thes 5:18](#)). Lack of thanksgiving characterizes unsaved people (cf. [Luke 17:17](#); [Rom 1:21](#); [2 Tim 3:2](#)).

2. Prayer expresses confession.

1. Confession is the acknowledgment of our sins and of our unworthiness, apart from Christ, to receive anything good from God. In confession, we agree with God that our sin is reprehensible and that we are guilty of it. We plead for God’s grace and cast ourselves on His mercy ([Ps 25:11](#)).

2. Biblical authors like Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah often included themselves when confessing national sins (e.g., [Ezra 9:6-7](#); [Neh 1:5-6](#); [Dan 9:4](#)). David is famous for the confession of his sin ([Ps](#)

51). Solomon urges sinners to confess and forsake their sins (Prov 28:13). In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus stated that believers need to acknowledge their sins and seek reconciliation (Luke 11:4). John assures us that if we confess our sins, God will forgive our sins (1 John 1:9). God delights to forgive those who come to him in humble confession (Micah 7:18-19).

3. Prayer expresses love.
  1. Intercession is likely one of the most common forms of prayer. We intercede for others when we lift up their needs to God in prayer. Prayer for others is an expression of love for them.
  2. Prayer for the salvation of the lost follows Jesus' example (John 17:20). God uses intercessory prayer for the lost to bring them to salvation. Paul's great burden for the salvation of his people led him to pray for their salvation (Rom 9:1-4, 10:1).

If we define prayer by its various elements, we could say that prayer is praise and worship, petition and thanksgiving, confession of sin, and intercession for others. We are not suggesting that every prayer must contain all of these elements. Any one of them constitutes legitimate prayer. All of them express our dependence upon God as our Father and Creator, and all of them should be included in our devotional prayer life.



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## Does God Always Answer Our Prayers?

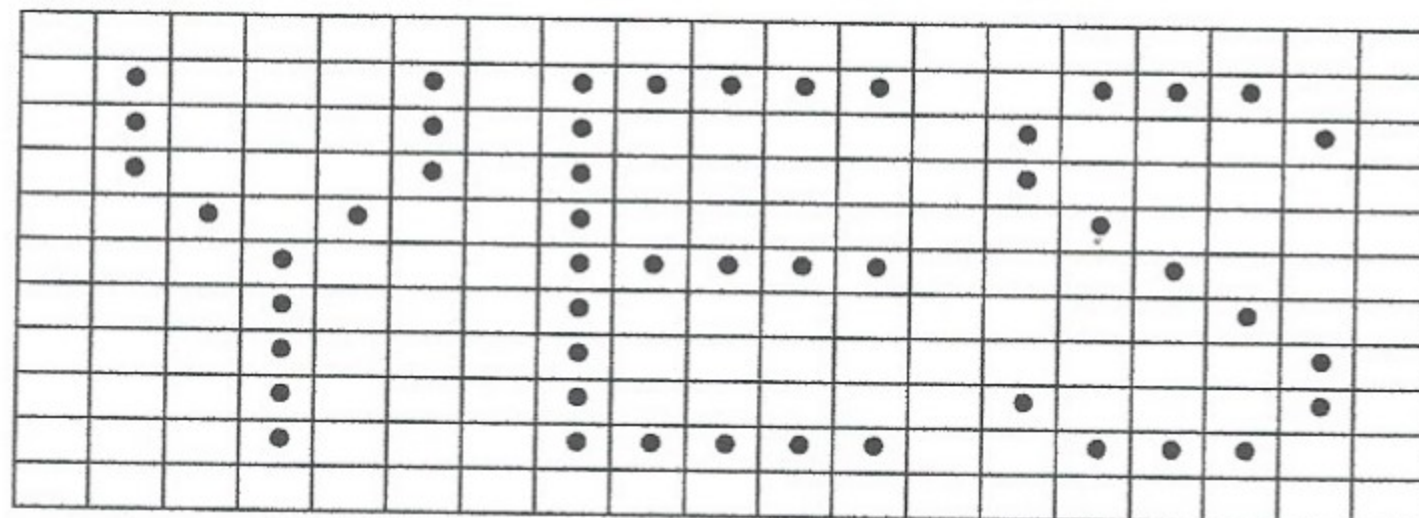
God doesn't always answer our prayers the way we want or expect.

Read each verse and the sentence below it. Then work the puzzle to find out how God might answer the prayer. (Color each square with a dot in it.)

### **Read John 16:23.**

When we pray in Jesus' name (ask for what Jesus wants), God gives us what we ask for.

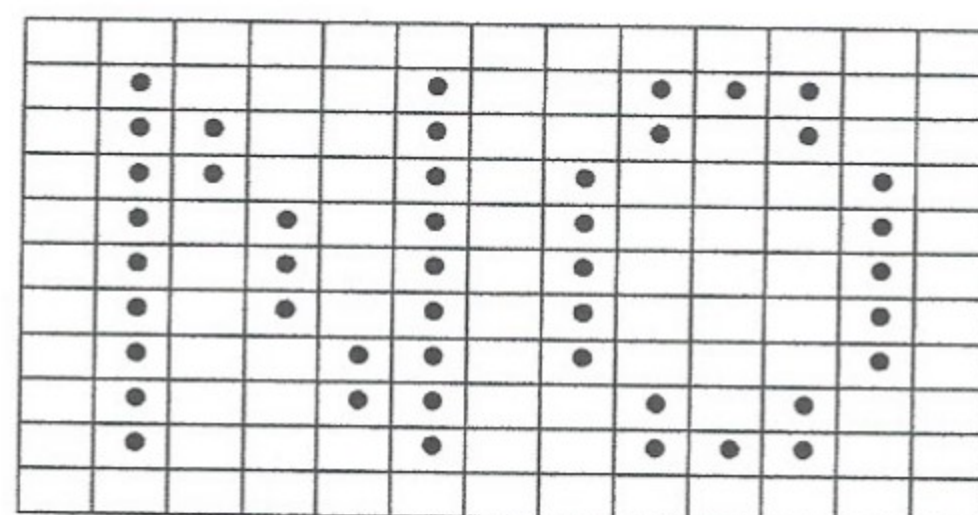
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### **Read James 4:3.**

When we ask for the wrong thing or for the wrong reason, God may not give us what we ask for.

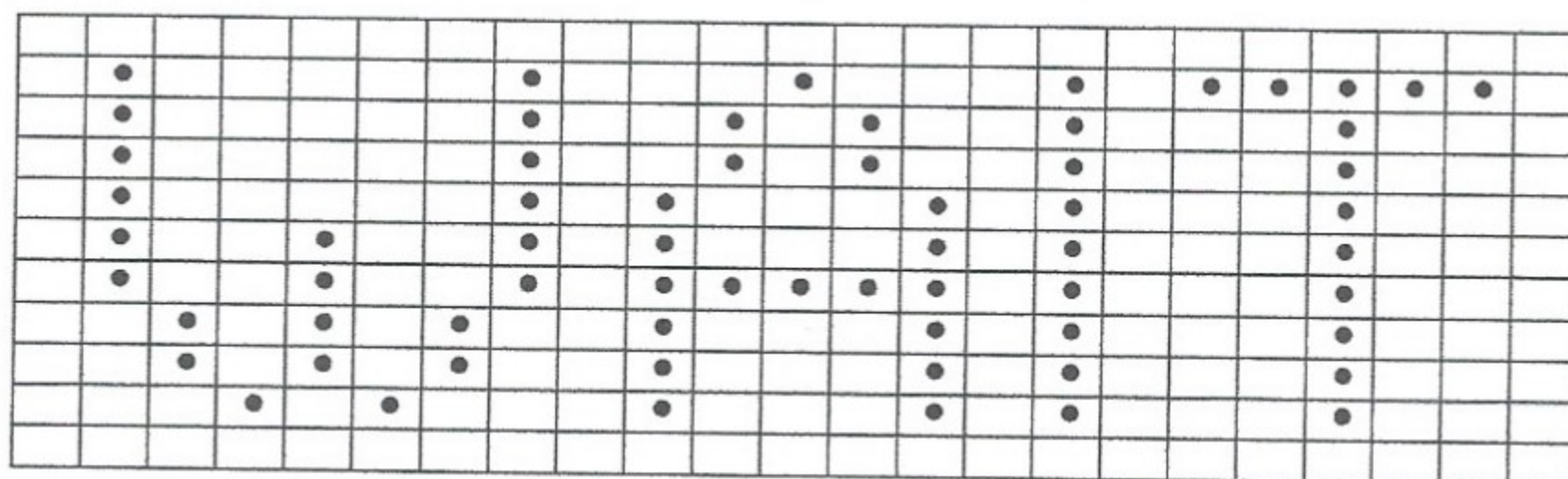
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### **Read Luke 18:1.**

When we pray for something and God doesn't answer right away, we need to keep praying.

God's answer is ...



## How Will God Answer?

Read each story, and write "yes", "no", or "wait" below it.

You pray for your friend who is sick, but your friend is still sick, so you keep on praying.

You ask God to give you a new bicycle because your friend has a new bicycle.



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Your friend doesn't know much about Jesus, so you ask God to help you tell your friend about Jesus.

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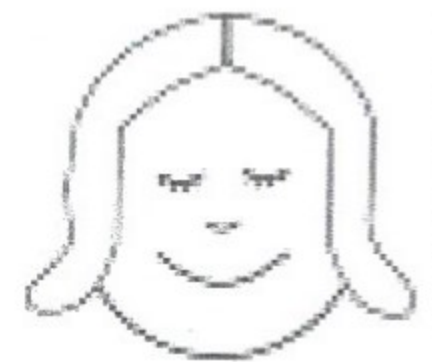


# Learn About Prayer

## Questions and Answers about Prayer

Unscramble the words to answer the questions about prayer.

<p><b><u>What is prayer?</u></b></p> <p>Prayer is _____ L I N G A K T with God.</p>	<p><b><u>Why do people pray different ways?</u></b></p> <p>They _____ their _____ or _____ S L E C O                      Y E E S                      D O L F their _____ so they won't be thinking about other things. S N A D H</p>
<p><b><u>When should we pray?</u></b></p> <p>Pray _____ time N A Y (Psalm 55:17)</p> <p>Pray _____ the time L L A (1 Thessalonians 5:17)</p>	<p>They pray _____ _____ so others can hear their U T O                      O U L D prayers.</p> <p>They _____ down on their _____ to show honor to T E G                      S N E E K God.</p> <p>But you can pray in any way – silently, with your eyes open, and walking down the street! Just pray any time you think about it.</p>
<p><b><u>What should we pray about?</u></b></p> <p>The Lord's Prayer is found in Matthew 6:9-13. Sometimes people repeat it together in a worship service. It can also be used as an example prayer, to show what we should pray about.</p> <p>To give _____ to God (Matthew 6:9) N O R O H</p> <p>For the _____ we _____ (Matthew 6:11) H N G I S T                      D E N E</p> <p>For God to _____ our _____ (Matthew 6:12) G R O F E I V                      N I S S</p> <p>To _____ us from _____ (Matthew 6:13) P E K E                      N I G N I S N</p>	



**Word List:**

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# Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask

Seek

Knock

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# LESSON THREE

## JUNE 24, 2021

# Praying Lesson 3: The Model Prayer Matt 6:9-15

## Lesson 3: The Model Prayer ([Matt 6:9-15](#))

This section of the Sermon on the Mount is often called “the Lord’s Prayer,” but it is more properly “The Model Prayer.” Jesus prefaces his remarks with the words “after this manner therefore pray.” This is the correct manner; this is how to pray. We need not repeat these exact words in every prayer, but prayer should follow this model and reflect these ideas.

1. Pray to the right Person — “Our Father” .9
  1. The words “our Father” imply a warm, personal relationship. This is how a child addresses his parent. The Jews rarely addressed God with such warm familiarity (cf. [Isa. 63:16](#); [64:8](#)). We must approach God in a humble and reverent way (cf. [Ex 3:5](#); [Isa 6:1-5](#); [Heb 12:29](#)). God is our Father, but He’s also our sovereign King. We approach Him reverently, not casually.
  2. Many people do not have the right to call God “our father.” Such is the exclusive right of those who are “in Christ” ([John 1:12](#); [1 Jn 3:1-2](#)). In a sense, God is the Father of all people by virtue of creation; yet God is the spiritual Father only of those who are saved. Jesus claimed that for some people, the devil is their father ([In 8:44](#); [1 Jn 3:10](#)). Thus, this model prayer is for believers only.
  3. Pray reverently .9-10
    1. “Hallowed” – may your name be recognized as holy.
      1. One’s “name” stands for his character or essential nature; the name is identified with the person.
      2. The basic meaning of holy is “set apart.” Thus, to “hallow” God’s name is to recognize Him as unique and sacred; to hold God in reverence.
      3. Genuine believers desire that all people would recognize God as holy.
2. “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

1. The "kingdom" Jesus is talking about here is the earthly reign of the Messiah. Only during this time will God's will be accomplished "on earth as it is in heaven." This kingdom has not yet come.
2. God's "will," in this case, is clearly his moral will as expressed in the Law. Every believer wishes that God's moral will were obeyed by every person.
3. Pray for daily needs. .11

The word "daily" signifies

1. Something necessary for the day (emphasizing time)
2. Something necessary for existence (emphasizing amount)
3. Thus, "Give us today the portion needed for today" seems to be the intended sense.
  1. "Daily bread" represents all manner of needs (not luxuries).
  2. We recognize our dependence on God to provide all our needs.
  3. Pray for forgiveness .12
    1. Sin is like a debt. As only a creditor can forgive a debt, only God can forgive sin.
    2. God's forgiveness of our sins is related to how we forgive others.
      1. If we forgive others, God will forgive us. If we refuse to forgive others, God will not forgive us. .14-15
      2. Although believers enjoy full cleansing from sin, they still should pray for forgiveness from the ongoing sin in our lives (1 In 1:9). We still need the application of the cleansing blood of Christ on a daily basis.
      3. Remember that this prayer was given while the OT dispensation was still in operation. OT believers did not enjoy full and final forgiveness of sins. They had to repeatedly make their sacrifices to cover their sins. Christ made the final sacrifice for sins, and NT believers enjoy full and perfect forgiveness.
      4. God's forgiveness of us is ultimately not based on how well we forgive others. Forgiveness is always based on God's grace, not our efforts. There is no merit implied here. However, a forgiving attitude is very important.



The disposition to forgive others is a proof of our own forgiveness.

Read [Mt 18:21-35](#).

5. Pray for strength. .13a

1. "lead us not into temptation"

1. God never entices people to sin ([James 1:13](#)). In that sense, God never leads people into temptation.
2. The word "temptation" often refers to a trial, test, or difficult circumstance.
3. It's appropriate to pray for protection from affliction, adversity and trouble.

4. "deliver us from evil"

1. Evil in general — trials and problems, the consequences of immoral behavior
2. The "evil one," i.e., Satan. The Greek has "the evil." Satan is frequently called "the evil one" ([Lu 22:40](#); [Mt 13:19](#); [1 John 2:13-14, 3:12](#)).

3. Pray with praise. .13b[1]

1. "kingdom, power and glory": This doxology (ascription of praise to God) gives us our motivation for prayer—that that glory of God might be demonstrated in the granting of our petitions.
2. "amen" – truly, so let it be

[1] The Doxology in the last part of verse 13 does not appear in the earliest NT MSS or in the early commentaries on this passage. Also, various forms of the statement are found in later MSS, some longer, some shorter than what is expressed in the KJV. However, the majority of Greek MS have the statement, it is in keeping with the rest of the Bible ([1 Chron 29:11](#)), and is a fitting conclusion to the Model Prayer.

# Prayers that Pleases God

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God is gracious in answering prayer. He does not demand perfection from the person offering the prayer. God is well aware of our failures, weaknesses, and sin. Because Jesus is our "great high priest," we can approach God "boldly" to "obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" ([Heb 4:14-16](#)). Nevertheless, several passages in the Bible relate certain personal characteristics that should be evident in the life of one who approaches God in prayer.

1. Righteousness [James 5:16](#)

Qualities of a righteous person:

1. Saved [Rom 1:17, 5:1](#)
2. Sincere ("not as the hypocrites" [Mt 6:5](#); "effectual fervent" [lit "energetic, earnest"])
3. Humble [James 4:6](#)
4. Obedient [John 15:7](#)
5. Overt, unrepentant sin in the life of a believer may hinder one's prayers or even render them without effect. [Ps 66:18](#); [Prov 15:29](#); [Isa 1:15](#)
6. Faith [Mark 11:23-24](#); [James 1:5-7](#)
  1. This does not suggest that prayer has no effect unless all doubt is removed from our hearts. We often have doubts concerning God's will for us.
  2. This does not suggest that merely believing something means that God is obligated to grant our requests. Our personal desires and expectations are not the measure by which God acts. The fact that we may have convinced ourselves that we believe something does not compel God. We do not know the mind of God where he has not revealed it. We cannot manipulate God.

What would happen if God granted every request from everyone who truly believed that his request was God's will?

1. Faith does not eliminate other considerations; faith is not the only condition for answered prayer. Faith operates in conjunction with other requirements for effective prayer.
2. Faith must have the right object—God. We have faith that God loves us, has wisdom to grant what is best for us, and is able to provide what we need.
3. Submission [1 John 5:14-15](#)

1. Praying according to God's will is not simply asking for biblical things.

1. In one sense, we can count on God's promises to do what he said he'd do. E.g., [Rom 10:9](#); [1 John 1:9](#). We can and should trust God to do what he said.
2. However, we should realize that what God wants people to do is not necessarily what people will do. People often violate his will. In other words, we recognize a difference between God's prescriptive will (what he has commanded—his moral will) and his decretive will (what he has decreed to happen—his sovereign will). John is not guaranteeing that God will grant every request for people to obey his word. If that were the case, we could pray once and everyone would be saved and stop sinning!
2. Praying according to God's will means that we ask God to grant the requests that please him and conform to his eternal purposes. We don't know God's secret counsels, so we pray, "If it be your will."

Quote: We pray, expressing our heartfelt desire, all the while subordinating our will ... to the wise and providential Lord of life and history who is working all things according to the counsel of his will ([Eph 1:11](#)).<sup>[1]</sup>

1. Good example: [Daniel 3:17-18](#). The young men did not know if God would save them; they did not presume on God's will. They were submissive to God's purpose for them, whether it meant life or death. Whatever God allowed, they remained loyal to God. Their loyalty God's prescriptive will ("no other gods before me") meant that they were willing to accept whatever might be in God's decretive will for them.
2. Essentially, prayer for God's will means that we pray for what God has already determined to do. This does not imply that prayer does nothing. God accomplishes his ends by means of the prayers of his people. God works through means (although he's never limited/constrained by human activity or non-activity). God

decrees both the ends and the means. Prayer is only one means God uses to attain his ends, not the only one (contra the idea that God does nothing except through prayer).

3. Reverence Ps 145:17-19

1. The "fear of God" describes a broad array of virtues. Fear of God is reverence, awe, honor, and worship in response to the transcendent holiness of God (cf. Isa 6:5). We may approach God boldly, yet with proper respect and decorum.
2. The fear of God prevents us from approaching God with a frivolous, casual, overly-familiar attitude. Likewise, prayer is not merely getting from God what we want for ourselves. The focus of prayer is God and his will, not ourselves.
3. The fear of God reflects a desire not to offend God. Those who fear God do not want to grieve him or provoke his anger.

The exercise of these virtues does not guarantee that God will grant our every request. But if they are present, but we can be confident that God is not declining our requests because of our own sin. Further, no one possesses these virtues perfectly. We should see consistent evidence of them but not expect faultless perfection. God is gracious and understands our weaknesses.

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## Bible Story Report Form

**Title:** What is the title of the Bible story?

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**Setting:** Where did the Bible story happen?

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**Characters:** Who are the two main characters in the story?

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**Problem:** What was the main problem in the story?

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**Solution:** How was the problem in the story solved?

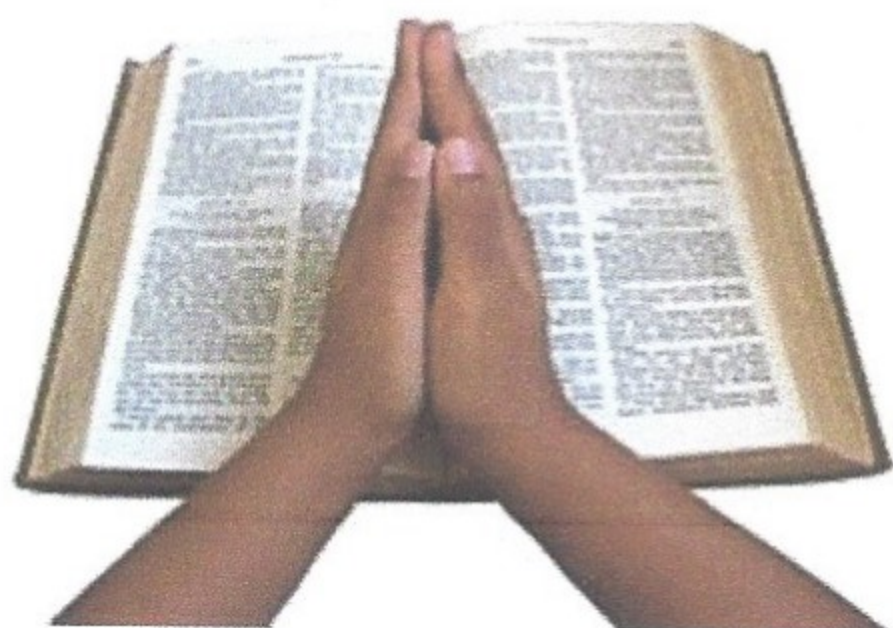
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**Application:** What does this story teach you to do?

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Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story on the back of this paper.





## Prayer: Talking to God with Your Hands

- *Does anyone here like to talk on the phone?*
- *Do any of you talk on the computer with emails, IM, or Skype?*
- *Who do you like to talk to and what about?*
- *How many of you have cell phones?*
- *How many of your parents have cell phones? Do they get upset if they lose their phones?*

Talking with people is important to us! We make sure that we can call others whenever we want. We also make sure people can reach us wherever we are. *So if talking to people is easy and we do it all the time, why is it so hard to spend time talking with God?*

(Invite responses such as: We get busy. We don't see Him all the time so we forget. We don't know how. We might question whether God is really listening. We might think our problems are too small.)

*Why is it important to talk with God?*

1. God wants us to know Him.
2. God really does answer prayer.
3. God loves us through prayer.
4. We love God through prayer.

Today we're going to learn how to pray. Remember that it's as simple as *talking* to someone you love. (Write out the word TALK as an acrostic on a whiteboard/chalkboard.)

**T: TAKE the TIME:** (Have children point to a pretend watch on their wrist.)

Find time in your day to talk to God. Pray at the same time each day. Make it a habit, like brushing your teeth. Ya'll brush your teeth, right?

**A: AHHHHH.... Quiet:** (Have children take a deep breath with you.)

Find a quiet place in your home. Turn the TV off, your music off, and find a way to escape from your little brother. Sit under a table, go in your closet if it's big enough, make a fort, whatever!

**L: LEARN from God's Word.** (Have children place hands palm side up as if holding a Bible.)

Read one verse a day. If you're up for the challenge, read one chapter a day. Try to understand what God is saying to you. Ask a grown-up who knows Jesus for help if you need it.

**K: KEEP a Prayer Plan.** (Have children pretend like they are writing.)

Write down how to pray. Pray that way. Write down praises, prayer requests, and verses that mean a lot to you. Keep it simple or else you won't keep doing it.

(Repeat each component at least once, if not twice to ensure retention.)

*Do any of you like to talk with your hands?* (Mimic people who talk with their hands: chefs, airline stewardesses, tour guides, photographers, pastors, etc.)

Today our hands are going to help us learn how to pray. As long as your hands go home with you today (please tell me they will!) you should remember our lesson. You've got five fingers and we've got five parts of prayer. You ready?

**1. PRAISE:** Praise is saying what you love about someone. It's saying, "God, I love that you are good. I love how you made the ocean. I love that you sent Jesus for our sins." (As you list each example, number them with your fingers and invite the children to do the same.)

**2. CONFESS:** Confession is a big word for spit up. It means to get the junk out of your life. It's when you ask for forgiveness of your sins. It's saying, "I'm sorry that I lied. Forgive me for getting in a fight with my brother. I'm sorry for not loving you like I should." (As you list each, use your hands to mimic throwing up.)

**3. READ:** Reading God's word helps us see ourselves as in a mirror. It helps us understand who God is and who we are. It helps us to pray because we know who we're praying to. (Mimic turning pages or holding up a mirror.)

**4. ASK:** God says in Matthew 21:22 that, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Pray for others. Pray for yourself. Ask for people to be saved, for God to provide, for wisdom to understand, for help in temptation, for people to be healed. (Invite children to fold their hands as in prayer.)



**5. THANKS:** God has done so much for us. What can you be thankful for today? (Invite children to list items. Lead the children in a lively worship song of praise/thanksgiving such as "He has made me glad." Have them clap their hands in thanks.)

(Review each of the parts of the Prayer Plan with the hand motions to cue the students' memory. Review a second time with only the bolded words. Have students demonstrate the hand motions for each. Close the lesson in prayer. Follow the prayer plan, keeping it brief to hold students' attention.)