**“Lord, Teach Us to Pray!”**

**(Matthew 6:9-13)**

**Jesus gave us a pattern for prayer that is both simple and profound.**

**We are wise to let it inform our approach to prayer and to life!**

**“Our Father” (John 1:12-13)**

*\* A Family Relationship (“Our”)*

*\* A Personal Relationship (“Father”)*

**“Which Art in Heaven” (John 14:2)**

*\* His Throne (Matthew 5:34-35)*

*\* Our Home (Philippians 3:20)*

**“Hallowed Be Thy Name” (Philippians 2:9-11)**

*\* His Holiness (Exodus 20:7)*

*\* His Honor (Proverbs 22:1)*

**“Thy Kingdom Come” (Titus 2:13)**

*\* Longing for The Kingdom (Acts 1:6)*

*\* Looking for The King (Revelation 22:20)*

**“Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven” (John 4:34)**

*\* “Thy Will” (Matthew 26:39)*

*\* “Be Done” (Psalm 40:8)*

*\* “On Earth as…Heaven” (Revelation 4:11)*

**“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread” (Philippians 4:19)**

*\* Ask (“Give us…”)*

*\* Daily (“this day…”)*

*\* Any Need (“our daily bread”)*

**“Forgive Us Our Debts as We Forgive Our Debtors” (Ephesians 4:32)**

*\* Request (“Forgive us…”)*

*\* Requirement (“as we forgive”)*

*\* Reason (Matthew 6:14-15)*

**“Lead Us Not into Temptation, But Deliver Us from Evil” (Matthew 26:41)**

*\* Problem (James 1:13-14)*

*\* Promise (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

*\* Provision (Ephesians 6:10-18)*

**“For thine is the kingdom…power…glory, forever.” (Ephesians 3:20)**

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**Ice Breaker Each person around the circle quote a phrase from the Lord’s**

**Prayer in the proper sequence. Discuss: Does God want us to pray these**

**exact words over and over?**

**1. Why is it sometimes difficult to stay consistent in our prayer lives? How**

**can the pattern of the Lord’s prayer help us?**

**2. Note the first request of prayer should be for “God’s name to be**

**hallowed.” What does this mean? Why should this request be the**

**primary motive of our prayers? Is it wrong to pray for things that we**

**want? (Consider Psalm 37:4)**

**3. Jesus instructs us to pray “Thy kingdom come.” If we are truly longing**

**for His kingdom to come, how will that affect the way we pray and the**

**way we live? What attitude should we have according to Philippians**

**3:20 and Titus 2:13?**

**4. Read and discuss Matthew 6:12, 14-15. Why is forgiveness such a major**

**theme of Christ’s teaching on prayer? Why are we sometimes slow to**

**forgive others even when God is so willing to forgive us?**

**5. Read & discuss Matthew 6:13. If God will not tempt anyone to evil**

**(James 1:13-14), then why is it necessary for us to pray “lead us not into**

**temptation…”? What are some things we can do to resist temptation?**

**Digging Deeper**

**Jesus tells us to pray for “our daily bread.” Read the following verses and**

**jot down something each verse teaches about our asking and God providing**

**for our basic needs: Matthew 6:33-34; 7:7, 11; James 4:2b; Romans 8:32; Genesis 1:29; James 1:17; Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Timothy 4:1, 3-5; Psalm 145:2a, 15-16; Exodus 16:35; John 7:48-51; Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; 1 Timothy 6:7-8; Psalm 37:25; Philippians 4:19.**

**For Further Application**

**The Lord’s Prayer calls us to think and pray about God’s PERSON, PLACE, PRESTIGE, PROGRAM, PLEASURE, PROVISION, PARDON, PROTECTION and POWER. Try to match each phrase in the Lord’s prayer with these. Which of these 9 things do you tend to pray about most? Least? Use the Lord’s prayer to guide you in a time of prayer each day this week.**