



INTRODUCTION

Jesus trains his disciples and us in how to pray in a profoundly simple and comprehensive way in the pattern called the Lord's prayer.

**"Our Father in heaven,
 Holy is your name,
 Your kingdom come,
Your will be done earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil."**

Jesus understands this: we become what we pray. If we pray without aim or purpose, our way of life will be directionless. If we pray according to His kingdom priorities and mandate, our life will be transformed to support, follow, and build his kingdom!

There is a twofold dynamic that Jesus introduces in his prayer:

- 1. We are to pray in order to bring the power and purpose of heaven down to earth**
 "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- 2. We are to pray that the coming reality of Christ's future kingdom would be present today**
 "Your kingdom come."

Prayer is the key to boldness, to open doors for the Gospel, and to deliverance from evil.

USING THE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Each week we will focus on a different aspect of the Lord's prayer and the kingdom priority it represents. In week one, we begin as Jesus does, "Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name."

Kingdom Priority:

Jesus teaches us to bond with God as Father, and if we start there, the rest of our prayer will be transformed. We pray to enjoy being sons and daughters of God, our communion with the relentless and perfect love of the Father. God our Father is to be revered and worshipped before all in and in all that we do. And to overcome the immense gravity of our weakness and sin, we need his power.

"Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name."

DAY
01

"God sent him (Jesus) to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." (Gal 4:5-6)

Today, go no further, simply thank God and ask that Him that each of us at WMBC might know him as a Father.

DAY
02

"So if sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matt 7:11)

**What are the good things God has given you?
What are the good things God has given WMBC?**

DAY
03

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he call us his children, and that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

**Pray that we would claim and live out of our God-given identity.
Pray this over our staff, our volunteers, our seniors, our children – all of us can be tempted to perform instead accept grace.**

DAY
04

"For the Lord disciplines those he loves...who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?...Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits?" (Heb 12:6-9)

**God desires for us to be transformed in our inner being – whole and holy.
Pray that God would convict us and lead us into repentance.**

DAY
05

"He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust." (Psalm 103:12-14)

We are forgiven and free. Pray that God would fill us with a renewed sense of purpose, courage, and strength to be a conduit for God's kingdom in our community.