



Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Series: *The Sermon On The Mount*, #10
Matthew 6:9-15
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Approaching God in prayer.

1. Come to God as “our Father.”
(9; see also 2 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 68:5, 103:13-14; Proverbs 3:11-12; Isaiah 63:16)
2. Clarify our own view of God as “our Father.”

Worshiping God in prayer.

1. Worship by reverencing God. (9b)
2. Worship by seeking God’s rule. (10a)
3. Worship by seeking God’s will.
(10b; see also Psalm 143:10; Luke 22:42; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18)

Bringing our requests to God in prayer.

1. For our physical needs. (11; see also Philippians 4:6, 19)
2. For our spiritual needs.
(12-15; see also Acts 2:38; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:10-17; Titus 2:14; 1 John 1:9)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Jesus instructs us to approach God in prayer as “Our Father.” This pictures reverence, security and openness. Review the references in the outline and use them to evaluate and align your picture of God as your *Father*. Is your heavenly Father the central focus of your prayers... and life?

Tuesday. The first element in Jesus’ model prayer is worship —coming to God with reverence (“hallowed be Your name”), seeking His rule and will (9b-10). Think about what this means to you in your prayer life. Be clear on this: worshiping God in prayer is *never* to be thought of as a necessary or ritualistic preliminary to *the real concern*—your requests. It is the foundation of entering into fellowship and aligning yourself with God.

Wednesday. Jesus instructs us to bring our physical needs to God in prayer (11). Paul underscores this in Philippians 4:6. Beware of the extremes: assuming you can take care of your basic daily needs on your own or confusing wants with needs. Thank God that He cares for you (see 10:29-31) and supplies your needs.

Thursday. Jesus also tells us to bring our spiritual needs to God in prayer. The specific examples here are forgiveness and faithfulness or victory (12-15). If you struggle with assurance of God’s forgiveness, review and apply Acts 2:38, Titus 2:14 and 1 John 1:9. Spiritual victory (including forgiving others) requires prayer *and* action—review Ephesians 6:10-17.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Matthew 6:16-24 and a *Treasure Hunt*. Read and think through these verses as you prepare for our time of worship together.