



HOME FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



TIP: Remember to begin and end with prayer, as well as plant your seed offering. It may be helpful to have someone read the scriptures in the King James Version (KJV) and another the Amplified (AMP) version for better understanding.

Date: January 13, 2021

Topic: The Model Prayer

Introduction: As we begin the start of a New Year, it is not uncommon for Christians to set aside the month of January for a time of prayer and fasting (consecration). When God directs, praying and fasting are always encouraged, however it should never be done out of tradition. Therefore, we should not let the familiarity of consecrating ourselves during this time of the year, diminish the significance and value of what we are doing, especially as it pertains to prayer. With this in mind, tonight we will take a closer look at *The Lord's Prayer*. While it may be a familiar prayer, what *The Lord's Prayer* illustrates to the believer, could never be overstated.



Read: **Matthew 6:5-13**

*Jesus gave an idea of His attitude and perspective on prayer. He emphasized that prayer should not be complicated or full of theater (drama), but simple. He taught His disciples as modeled in **The Lord's Prayer**, that prayer recognizes God, His honor, His will, and His purpose followed by petitions for your own needs.*



Discuss: After reading **verse 6**, you can see where Jesus encouraged a time set aside to pray. Why do you think it is important to “pray in private?” What are the benefits?

Many people often say that “I do not know how to pray.” Based on **verse 7**, what would Jesus’ response be to this person? Why is this model prayer, the perfect prayer?

First read **Exhibit 1** on the next page, then answer the following questions: What are the benefits to beginning prayer with *The Lord's Prayer*? After reading **Exhibit 1**, what do you believe Jesus was trying to show you about the attitude, content, and manner of your prayers? Discuss.



Conclusion: *The Lord's Prayer* is the model prayer because it was given to you by Jesus Christ. Not only does it give you a glimpse into how Jesus prayed, but it also shows the attitude in which He approached prayer. Matthew 6:5-13, shows that Jesus viewed prayer as solemn (holy), personal, simple, and of great value. Whether you are going through a time of consecration or saying a prayer when you rise in the morning, remember *The Lord's Prayer*. In an imperfect world, it is the perfect prayer that says it all.

(For further edification read verses 14-18)

If you have additional questions or comments that you would like to submit regarding tonight's topic, please submit them via email to one of our ministers at: info@godswaywoc.org.

Remember to share Christ with someone else.

Exhibit 1: Understanding The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, *This opening sets the tone for your prayer by recognizing God, as your Father(relationship).*

Hallowed be thy Name. *Hallowed means to honor and acknowledge as holy. With this, in humbleness, you are giving honor and praise to who He is.*

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. *You are asking God's reign to be established in the earth and in every person (Luke 17:21); as well as submitting to His will (plan/purpose) on earth in accordance to what it is heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread. *You are beginning to petition God for your daily needs, which shows full dependency.*

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. *You are asking for forgiveness for yourself knowing that you must also forgive others.*

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. *You are asking God to lead you in the right direction, away from sin and to protect/deliver you from the evil one.*

For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, Forever. *You are ending the prayer (like the beginning), giving praise to God for who He is, acknowledging that all power and glory belongs to Him for eternity.*

Amen. *Sealing the prayer.*