

PRAY FIRST

SERMON SERIES

WEEK 3 | PRAYING LIKE JESUS PRAYED

WORD

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." **Luke 11:1**

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' **Matthew 6:9-13**

FIVE THINGS TO SEEK GOD IN PRAYER:

1. Seek God's presence with a worshipful heart.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." **Matthew 6:9**

hallowed: hagiazo (hag-ee-ad'-zo); to make holy, purify or consecrate.

2. Seek God's priorities over your life.

...your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:10**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

4. Seek God's provision for your daily needs.

Give us today our daily bread... **Matthew 6:11**

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

5. Seek God's pardon for your sins.

*Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **Matthew 7:12***

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9***

6. Seek God's power to overcome temptation.

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. **Matthew 6:13 NIV***

*And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. **Matt 6:13 NLT***

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. **1 Corinthians 10:13***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus shared that we should pray according to the Lord's Prayer?
Do you pray according to the Lord's Prayer?
2. Of the five things we covered about seeking God (Presence, Priorities, Provision, Pardon, Power), which do you need most and why?
3. What is the biggest takeaway for you from the *Pray First* series?