

Prayer Basics

Prayer Template

“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:9–13 (NLT)

1. Alignment with God

- **Your** _____
- **Your** _____
- **Your** _____

2. Asking from God

- **our** _____
- **our** _____
- **our** _____

Small Groups Questions – Does Prayer Matter? Week 2

1. Who taught you to pray? What did they teach you?
2. When in your life have you been concerned about meeting your basic needs, like food and shelter?
3. Take turns reading aloud from Matthew 6:5–13. What do you think is Jesus’ main point in verses 5 and 6?
4. If verse 8 is true, why pray at all?
5. Read verses 9–13 again. What general principles can you draw from Jesus’ instruction on prayer?
6. Which part of Jesus’ prayer do you least remember to pray for? Why?
7. What does it mean to keep God’s name holy (or hallowed)? How does it relate to the way you live your life?
8. How will God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven? How are you to be part of the answer to this prayer?
9. What insights about our daily living do you draw from Jesus’ statement in verse 11?
10. How is our own forgiveness related to God’s forgiveness?
11. If you faithfully and regularly prayed this prayer, and lived out the principles in this prayer, how would your life be different? Which is the most difficult principle to live out?
12. Pray together, using “the Lord’s prayer” as a model.