

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 5 :: **The King at Prayer**

Treasure Story: Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer is a distinguishing mark of those who are citizens of God's kingdom. Jesus spent much time in prayer, and so it makes sense that He would want to teach His disciples and us how to pray. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus shows us how to address God and what kinds of requests that we should lay before Him.

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"Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

– Thomas Aquinas

Jesus tells us when we pray to direct our prayers to our Father who is in heaven. He gives us life and purpose. He is sovereign over everything. Jesus then goes on to say we must pray that God's holiness would be on display for all to see. Jesus will return, and He wants us to be in prayer until that time. Jesus also gives instruction on praying for other believers. He wants us to pray for their needs, for each other to forgive, and to ask God to help us flee temptation. Jesus ends His prayer by reminding us that we must show others that same forgiveness that we have been shown.

- **Prayer Time:**Families are often so busy that they only pray before dinner or before bed. And sometimes not at all. Spend time in prayer right now. Bow your heads and pray like Jesus has instructed His disciples. Focus on God and His holiness and then pray for one another.
- **Week of Prayer:** For this week, set aside a few minutes each day to pray. Pray for holiness, forgiveness, friends, missionaries, and anything else you can think of. The main point is to spend time praying to our Father who is in heaven.

My Mission As Parent

- Are you spending valuable time in prayer for your family? The world will fight hard to pull your children from you so spend much time in prayer for their salvation, holiness, and desire to live for Jesus.
- When you are praying, are you praying like the model Jesus describes in today's Treasure Story? Do you ever find yourself just praying for yourself or just saying memorized words? If you are unsure what to pray, build your prayer around the prayer that Jesus gave us in this passage.

Prayer Points

- Thank your Father in heaven for His love and for creating us. Praise Him for He is holy and pray that His holiness would always be on display through us.
- Pray that your family would be fervently in prayer until Jesus returns. Pray for those who do not know Jesus and pray for those who are believers that they would be strong in their faith.
- Pray that you will forgive others and ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins. Ask for His help to flee temptation and resist evil. Praise God that He sent Jesus as your Savior and forgives you through His blood.