

The Lord's Prayer **Matthew 6:7-15**

Main Point:

According to Jesus' model, pray with a God-centered focus and with a confident faith in the loving care of your Heavenly Father.

1. Jesus teaches you how to pray in the Lord's Prayer.

2. Pray with a God-centered, rather than a man-centered, focus.

3. God-centered praying includes your personal needs as well.

4. Pray with a confident faith in your Heavenly Father.

Quotations and Cross-References

Sinclair Ferguson “[The Lord’s Prayer] provides a model prayer, an easily memorized outline, that serves as a lesson in how we are to approach God as Father and how we are to speak with him.”

Sinclair Ferguson “We are praying here that God will be glorified in all things.”

J.C. Ryle “The glory of God ... is the purpose for which the world was created; it is the end for which the saints are called and converted: it is the chief thing we should seek [in prayer], - that ‘God in all things may be glorified’ ...”

John Legg “The kingdom comes increasingly as more and more men willingly submit to the King’s authority.”

Dan Doriani “Today, in the affluent West, bread is optional food; we eat it if we need calories, and shun it if we do not. It is a snack to keep us busy before the entrée arrives at a restaurant. But in Jesus’ day, bread was the stuff of life, the one food people ate every day.”

Proverbs 30:8-9 ⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. (NIV)

Sinclair Ferguson “The two are inseparably linked, for the man who knows his debt before God and turns to him for forgiveness is the recipient of such grace that he cannot but share it with others.”

William Hendriksen “Pagans pray on and on because they imagine that the longer and the louder they pray, the greater also will be their chance of success in receiving what they desire.”

Romans 8:32 ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (NKJV)

Matthew 7:11 ¹¹ “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! (NKJV)