

Daily Devotion For April 26, 2021

Just after praying the Pastoral Prayer yesterday, Sherry said to me, "Dad, you forgot to pray The Lord's Prayer." So at the end of the time Fellowship time we were able to pray that together.

The Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-15 is often called a "model for prayer" as it teaches us how to pray. The Lord's Prayer was given in response to the disciples asking, "Lord teach us to pray." Just before this, Jesus also taught us how not to pray. He warned us not to pray with fancy words in hopes of impressing others but to speak directly from the heart to God.

The Lord's Prayer reminds us that prayer is firstly about God and His glory. It starts with focusing on God. Jesus taught us to pray: Hallowed be **your** name, **your** Kingdom Come, **your** will be done.

It then pivots to our needs. Give **us** this day our daily bread. Forgive **us** our debts. Let **us** not into temptation. Deliver **us** from evil.

Our needs are important to God but we should start with God. God first, us second.

**Thought For Today.** The Lord's Prayer is a pattern for prayer that we can imitate in our own lives on how we should pray. Sometimes the Lord's Prayer can be so familiar to us that we don't think about its meaning. Take time to thoughtfully pray the Lord's prayer Praying for God's Name, God's Kingdom, and God's Will. Then take time to pray for your own needs.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Take time to review this week's updated prayer fuel and select a few prayer points to add to your daily prayers. Deo Volente.