

April 19, 2015
Matthew 6:9-13

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

I. Introduction: The Lord's Prayer

II. Unpacking The Passage: The Context

¹¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, **one of his disciples** said to him, "**Lord, teach us to pray**, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "**When you pray, say:**

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come-³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.- And lead us not into temptation." Luke 11:1-4;

⁹ "**This, then, is how you should pray:**

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13

III. The Lord's Prayer: A Pattern For Prayer

The Invocation:

- Our

- Father
- In Heaven

IV. The Lord's Prayer Teaches Us To Have A:

A. Concern for God's _____
"Hallowed be your **name**" Matthew 6:9

B. A Concern for God's _____
"Your **kingdom** come" Matthew 6:10

C. A Concern for God's _____
"Your **will** be done" Matthew 6:10

III. Conclusion and Application:

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Points to Ponder

MONDAY April 20, 2015

Look back over this week's message notes. What really impacted you? Why? All this week, let's pray the Lord's Prayer—not as a magic formula, but as a pattern inspiring your reflection, worship, and devotion. Read Matthew 6:9-13. Throughout the next 24 hours, simply pray, "*Thank you, Father*" as you look around you at the many blessings He gives.

TUESDAY, April 21, 2015

Pray the Lord's Prayer again. Today go to your Father in heaven several times in short prayer and just say, "*Father, I love you. Thank you for your love for me.*" Ask Him to help you remember that He is a patient, loving, wise, powerful father. Ask Him to help you replace any experience of a weak or absent human father with the truth about God as your Heavenly Father.

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2015

Read over the meditation verses, and look for ways to say to your Father, "*Wow!*" Look at the world around you, at answers to prayer, at the beauty of nature, at the miracle of birth. This is a way to remind yourself of His power. That same power is at work in you!

THURSDAY, April 23, 2015

Today focus on the section in Matthew 6:9-10. What are the character attributes of God that you can praise Him For? His love, His mercy, His grace, etc. Spend time in praise and adoration

FRIDAY, April 24, 2015

Today as you pray the Lord's Prayer again, focus on the section "Your kingdom come." Pray that God's Kingdom would come and expand at El Estero. Pray that God would expand His Kingdom through El Estero to reach people in our community and to the "outermost parts of the earth"

SATURDAY, April 25, 2015

Today, as you pray the Lord's Prayer again, ask Him to help you to do His will and not our own. Pray that the Holy Spirit of God would be revealing His will do us as individuals and to us as a church.