

SERMON PASSAGE GUIDE

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This Week's Passage

9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 'Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 'Give us this day our daily bread.

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

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.



Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

Reflect/Connect

Use these questions to reflect privately in prayer, or journal, or to start a meaningful conversation in your Life Group.

- What do you think shapes the way you pray the most? Is it habit, urgency, gratitude, or something else?
- How does starting a prayer with "Your kingdom come, your will be done" push back against a culture that constantly trains us to prioritize our own needs, goals, and desires?

Grow in the Word

These questions are designed to guide your personal study, or spark spiritual conversation in your Life Group.

Jesus tells His followers that when they pray, they should pray in this way: addressing God as their Father in heaven and honoring His name as holy. They pray for His kingdom to come and for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. They also ask Him to provide their daily bread, to forgive their debts as they forgive others, and to lead them not into temptation but to deliver them from evil (v. 9-13).

- How does combining the intimacy of "Our Father" with the reverence of "hallowed be your name" establish the proper posture for prayer? See also Romans 8:15-16.
- Notice how the prayer requests are ordered in verses 9-10 and then 11-13. How does starting with God's priorities completely reorient the way you view your own personal prayer life?
- Why do you think Jesus specifically taught His disciples to ask for their "daily" bread? How does this specific request challenge our inclination to pursue self-sufficiency and long-term security? See also Proverbs 30:8-9.

After teaching the prayer, Jesus returns to forgiveness. He explains that if people forgive others for their wrongdoing, their heavenly Father will also forgive them. But if they do not forgive others, their Father will not forgive their wrongdoing (v. 14-15).

- Why do you think Jesus places such intense, exclusive emphasis on this specific act of forgiveness right after teaching on prayer?
- What makes it practically impossible to understand and receive God's grace through forgiveness while refusing to extend it to someone else? See also Matthew 18:32-35.
- How does the regular and repeated phrase "as we have forgiven our debtors" in this prayer serve as a diagnostic test for your own heart?

Practice Together

This section provides an easy way to live out the truths of the passage in daily life, whether you're with your Life Group, family & friends, or on your own. These practices help turn reflection into relationship & action.

- Take time this week to use the Lord's Prayer as an outline rather than just a script. Spend two minutes on each of the six requests, turning them into your own words. Pay special attention to intentionally shifting your focus to God's kingdom before asking for your daily needs.
- Ask the Father to reveal if you are holding onto any quiet resentment or grudges. If someone comes to mind, take a specific, actionable step this week to release that debt, whether through a difficult conversation or a private prayer of release.

