



# JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-13

## Memory Verse

### Context/Background

An unnamed disciple saw Jesus praying and when he was finished, asked Jesus to teach the disciples how to pray. Jesus responded by giving them a template for prayer which Christians refer to today as 'The Lord's Prayer', and told a short parable revealing to them what God is like when listening to and responding to our prayers.

### Summary

Jesus assumes prayer as a regular rhythm in the life of a disciple when he says, "When you pray."

'Father' evokes an intimate relationship with the listener of the prayer. It sets up the parable in verses 11-13.

'Hallowed' means to be regarded as Holy. This is both an act of reverent worship, and a heartfelt desire for those far from God to know God more.

'Kingdom Come' anticipates and aches for a new world order of peace and love to be realised and lived out *here and now*. (Heaven is now).

'Daily Bread' acknowledges God as the provider and sustainer of our life. It draws on Old Testament imagery of when God provided the Israelites with daily manna when they wandered the wilderness. They were challenged not to hoard up manna, to trust that it would come again the next day.

'Forgiveness' reminds us the more we know of God's forgiveness for us, the greater our capacity to extend forgiveness to those who wrong us.

'Temptation' sees that God guides our paths, and wishes us to walk wisely.

**Relevance/Application** Themes: Prayer, Discipleship, Trust, Who is God?, Spiritual practices, Faith

### Younger students:

- God is like a really good dad.
- We can talk to God when we're sad, mad, glad, and anything else, good or bad
- God is always with us in our breath, in the wind, and in our bodies. We don't have to have the right words, God knows what is going on with us.

### Older students:

- The order of Jesus' prayer starts with who God is, then moves into our needs. God □ Us, NOT Us □ God. Why might this be significant?
- Regular / Daily Prayer is proven to have positive impact on our wellbeing
- God is with us in every season of our life and wants us to know that he is good and we can trust him, and he will always listen to our prayers.
- Prayer is a gift from God to us, not the other way around.

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## Christian Studies Framework

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### Catechism Connections

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#### Discussion/Wondering Questions:

Early Years

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Primary

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Secondary

- Why is there no "Kingdom, Glory, Power" line in the Bible?
  - If God gives good gifts, why do bad things still happen?
  - How many ways are there to pray?
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#### Images or objects to spark discussion

- Phone to represent prayer as a communication line open 24/7
  - Exploring the many ways to pray:  
Prayers involving movement / our bodies  
Breath Prayers (Inhale / Exhale)  
A.C.T.S  
P.R.A.Y  
Paper Prayer Chains
  - Personal Story: share your journey with prayer
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#### Telling the Story

**Bibles:** The Beginner's Bible  
The Big Rescue Bible  
The NIV Bible

**Creative Storytelling:**

Act out a skit of the parable (good vs. bad gift-giving)

Harry Potter quote: Dumbledore "Help will always be given at Hogwarts to those who ask for it."

**Tracts and Other Resources**

Lutheran Tract Mission

GROW Ministries

**Audio Stories/Podcasts**

**Videos: Early Years / Junior Primary**

**Middle – Upper Primary**

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## Secondary/Staff

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### Invocation

Father who loves and listens to us  
Jesus who teaches us and guides us to live abundant lives.  
Spirit who lives in us and is with us every step of the way.

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### Prayers

**Prayer**  
The Lord's Prayer  
Breath Prayer

### Mealltime Prayer

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### Blessing

Go with the knowledge that God walks with you every step of the way and the confidence that you can confide in him with prayer at any point.

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### Music

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) – Matt Maher feat. TAYA  
Good Good Father – Housefires  
The Lord's Prayer – Citipointe Worship  
The Lord's Prayer – Hillsong Worship  
Pray – Worship Central

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### Activities

#### Early Years:

#### Primary:

#### Upper Primary/Secondary:

Prayer Tree  
Prayer Hands  
Create a Prayer Station / Box  
Create and Decorate Prayer Jars

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