



“Praying the Lord’s Prayer”¹

Matthew 6:9-15

Week 1: August 13-14, 2019

When You Pray

“If you are _____ whether God exists, or whether his is _____ or good, or in _____ of things, or _____ about ordinary folk like you and me, you are bound to conclude that prayer is pretty _____.”

“What a man is alone on his knees before God,
that he is – and no more.”

-Murray McCheyne

Prayer requires reference to a spectrum of seven distinct activities:

1. _____: God is adoration and trust
2. _____: his work and his worth, in praise and worship
3. _____: sin and seeking pardon
4. _____: that needs be met for ourselves and others
5. _____: with God for blessings, as wrestling Jacob did in Gen. 32
6. _____: from God one’s own situation as he has shaped it
7. _____: to God in faithfulness through thick and thin

_____ can’t be taught.
Praying is something you learn to do by actually doing it.

¹ (Packer, 2007)



Pray Then Like This

The Lord's Prayer is given to us to be a _____ for our thoughts in prayer as well as a set verbal form. It offers us model answers to the series of questions God puts to us to shape our conversation with Him.

Pattern:

1. _____: the address to God
2. Three God-centered petitions
 - a. First petition: _____
 - b. Second petition: _____
 - c. Third petition: _____
3. Three man-centered petitions
 - a. First petition: _____
 - b. Second petition: _____
 - c. Third petition: _____
4. The praise ending
 - a. _____: hails him as God on the throne
 - b. _____: adores God as the God able to do all we ask
 - c. _____: declares, "we praise thee, O God" here and now

God Leads the Conversation:

Who do you take me for, and what am I to you?

That being so, what is it that you really want most?

So what are you asking for right now, as a means to that end?

How can you be so bold and confident in asking for these things?
