



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of February 20, 2022

Our Father

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 6:5-15](#)

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- This is the second of the two weeks we will consider this section of Jesus Sermon on the Mount. **Imagine your prayers were written down** like this one. **What might people learn about your image of God?**
- There are two natural divisions of the Lord's prayer recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. What is the general **focus of vv.9-10**? What is the general **focus of vv.11-13**?
- What do we **learn about God** as we address Him as “**our Father in heaven**”? (9)
- What does it mean for **God's name to “be made holy”**? (9)
- What is the heart of what we ask when we pray that our Heavenly Father's **kingdom come & will be done on earth as it is in heaven**? (10)
- Jesus teaches us to pray for our **mundane, daily needs** (11). Why is that a **normal part of Christian prayer**?

- What is the relationship between our **Heavenly Father's forgiveness** and our **forgiveness of others**? (12, 14-15)
- If God cannot tempt us and trials are beneficial ([James 1:2,13](#)), **why does Jesus teach us to pray verse 13**?
- **Pray together** in light of this week's passage. **Read Matthew 6:9-13 aloud**, and then use it as a guide to talking with our Heavenly Father.

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