**Lord Teach Us to Pray – Matt. 6:9**

**Focal Truth: When you pray – pray like a disciple of Jesus prays**

When you pray do you know the way to pray?

When you pray do you know how to pray?

When you pray do you know what to say?

**The Lord Jesus teaches his disciples – the way & words they should use in prayer**

This is the disciples first prayer, beginner prayer, & yet lifelong prayer!

* Every new believer must learn this prayer
* Every believer learns to pray through this prayer & treasures this prayer

**This is the united prayer of all disciples of Jesus – prayed in every generation & every tongue**

**This is the secret & public prayer of the disciple of Jesus**

1. **Pray this way as a disciple: Worship God the Father when you pray 6:9 -10**

*Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*

 *Every disciple first* prays in worship on the holy name, reign & will of God the Father

1. **YOUR** name is holy

**Hallowed – honored as holy, declared sacred, treated as venerable**

**Name – everything represented by the name: personality qualities & ways**

1. **YOUR** kingdom come

**Kingdom – reign, dominion, royal power**

1. **YOUR** will be done

**Will – what has been determined to be done, choices, desires, pleasures**

 John 4:24 – *God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit & truth*

**Worship – to kiss the hand, to show reverence**

Rom. 12:1 – *present your bodies a living & holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship*

**Consider:**

1. Prayer is the secret act of worshipping of God the Father
2. Prayer is worshipping the holy name, holy reign & holy will of God the Father
3. **Pray this way as a disciple: Ask God the Father for your daily needs when you pray**

**6:11 -13**

*Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil*

Every disciple regardless of maturity, location or life circumstances needs these 4 essentials to be provided by God the Father

**Note the focus on “us”**

1. Give **US** our daily bread

**Give – grant as a gift, provide necessary things**

1. Forgive **US** our sins as we forgive

**Forgive – disregard, release from debt**

1. Lead **US** not into temptation

**Lead – bring into, lead into**

1. Deliver **US** from evil

**Deliver – to draw to oneself**

 **Consider:**

1. Prayer is the secret act of asking for the necessary things for life as a disciple of Jesus
2. Prayer is the secret act of submitting & humbling ourselves to God the Father admitting our needs for provisions, forgiveness, leadership & deliverance
3. **Pray this way as a disciple: Say these words to God the Father when you pray Lk.11:2**

Luke 11:2 – *when you pray say…* Emphasis = say this! Repeat this! Speak this!

1. The Lord Jesus said to say these words not just think about these words
2. The Lord Jesus gave specific words to be said to God the Father
3. Every disciple learns best how to pray by praying these words to God the Father
4. Perhaps the Lord Jesus asked the disciples to repeat these words as He taught them to pray!

**Consider the advantages of praying these words in secret & public prayer**

1. Repeating these words **improves** our praying

Praying these words focuses **your worship** of God the Father

Praying these words focuses **your requests** of God the Father

1. Repeating these words **teaches** us the essentials of prayer

Praying these words reveals the priorities of prayer: **worship & requests**

1. Repeating these words **assists** us in prayer

Praying these words **aids us in our words** to God the Father

Praying these words **reminds us of our wonderful relationship** with God the Father

1. Repeating these words **helps** us pray without ceasing
2. Saying these words together **encourages** our praying
3. Saying these words together **unites** us to the praying global church of the Lord Jesus Christ

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Pray in secret adoration to God the Father!**
2. **Secretly ask God for daily provision, forgiveness, direction & deliverance**
3. **Pray these words as a sincere prayer to God**

If you don’t know what to pray to God the Father – pray these words

1. **When you pray these words deeply think about what you are praying!**
2. **Pray then in this way: Join me in praying these words today!**

*Our Father who is in heaven,*

*Hallowed by Your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

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

*And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**