



ON
EARTH

AS IT IS

IN
HEAVEN

WEEK OF
PRAYER



WEEK OF PRAYER

For the 2023 Week of Prayer, we chose the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9–13 to *orient* and *guide* our week. This prayer comes at the center of Jesus' most poignant teaching of what it means to be his disciple through his Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5–7:29). The lynchpin of this sermon is the prayer, and the heart of it is God's desire to unite God's kingdom with life on earth.

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches his followers that prayer is a personal conversation, verbalizing your real needs to a God who is actually present. We encourage you to let the Lord's Prayer be your guide during our 2023 Week of Prayer. Each day, we will focus on a particular phrase. Join us as we pray for God's ways and provision in our context, as it is in heaven.

Monday–Friday, January 9–13*

- At-Home Morning Reflections
- 6:30 PM Prayer Gatherings in the Fellowship Hall
- At-Home Evening Reflections

***All regular gatherings will be joining us this week.**

Monday	May Your Name Be Honored
Tuesday	May Your Kingdom Come
Wednesday	May Your Will Be Done
Thursday	Give Us Today Our Daily Bread
Friday	Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Ourselves Have Forgiven Our Debtors
Saturday	And Do Not Lead Us Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From the Evil One.

Background on the Lord's Prayer

As you read the Lord's Prayer daily, it is helpful to know that it can be divided into:

Three requests about God (v. 9–10)

Three requests about us (v. 11–13)

All six of these requests are *oriented* around a phrase at the very center of the prayer:

“On earth as it is in heaven” (v. 10)

This phrase orients each request with:

- 1. A declaration for heaven to come to earth**
- 2. For God's ways and provision to fill humanity**

By orienting ourselves first toward God and heaven (v. 9–10), prayers about us (v. 11–13) are deepened with better understanding and become acts of humility, resulting in heavenly wholeness and peace!

Daily Morning Reading

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have
forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

We encourage you to read the whole prayer each day, as we focus on one phrase per day, all under the consideration, on earth as it is in heaven.

Daily Evening Reflection

One big idea of this practice of reflection each evening is to recognize the incredible truth that God is always working in the world and God is at work in us individually. We simply need to take time to stop and pay attention.

Ask yourself: When today or this past week did I sense the deepest connection with God, others, and myself?

- Press into that moment. Bring that moment, thought, or word to the Lord now, and ask him to speak to you about it.
- Why does this moment stand out?
- What might God want to say to you through it?

Ask yourself: When did you feel an absence of God's presence? Maybe there is a distinct moment where you felt anger, fear, or temptation.

- Press into that moment. Bring that moment, thought, or word to the Lord now, and ask him to speak to you about it.
- Why does this moment stand out?
- What might God want to say to you through it?

We will be using this practice of Examen each evening at home to open us to both the difficult and beautiful in our lives. This is a useful way of reflecting on what God is saying to us this week by discerning the voice and activity of God in the flow of our daily lives.

MONDAY

MAY YOUR NAME BE HONORED.

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

The Father's name is already set in a place of honor. When we pray this, we are praying that it would be so in our lives and our world, that we would set the name of God in its proper place of honor. If the core theme of this prayer is on earth as it is in heaven, then this phrase recognizes the honor the Father has in heaven and beckons the earth and its inhabitants to the same place of awe.



Use this QR code for practices and resources to help you go deeper today.



THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's name needs to be honored in your life.

In my life, may your name be honored in

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's name needs to be honored in your environments and experiences.

In my context, may your name be honored in

Bring these reflections into our evening gathering as we pray together for God's name to be honored on earth as it is in heaven.

Notes

TUESDAY

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME,

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

When we pray “your kingdom come,” we recognize the reality of the systemic brokenness in our world, and we yearn for the invasion of God’s good and beautiful kingdom. The prophets tell us of the coming kingdom of God that will be marked by peace, justice, and righteousness. We see glimpses of this kingdom in the gospels when Jesus walked among us, healing many and forgiving their sins. We live in the already and the not yet; we are citizens of this promised kingdom, and we know our King is on the throne. Yet we long for the day when heaven comes to earth and God’s kingdom is fully realized.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's kingdom needs to come in your life.

In my life, may your kingdom come in

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's kingdom needs to come in your environments and experiences.

In my context, may your kingdom come in

Bring these reflections into our evening gathering as we pray together for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Notes

WEDNESDAY

MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

Heaven is the place where the will of God is always done. As we pray heaven over earth, we invite his will into our situation. The book of Romans tells us that God's will is good, pleasing, and perfect. In order to pray God's will over our lives and our world, we seek to submit our will to his and to align our desires with his. These are revealed to us in his Word and worked in us through the Holy Spirit and prayer. His will for us is to be formed into the image of Christ for the glory of God and the sake of others.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's will needs to be done in your life.

In my life, may your will be done in

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where God's will needs to be done in your environments and experiences.

In my context, may your will be done in

Bring these reflections into our evening gathering as we pray together for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Notes

THURSDAY

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

As the prayer turns from requests for heavenly to earthly things, we are confronted with the most basic need of sustenance. As we pray “give us today our daily bread,” we recognize our deep dependence on the grace of God for all the needs of being human. We not only recognize our great need but our Father’s great capacity to provide. In the presence of our Father, we will lack nothing, but while we are yet on this earth, we need many things. With this prayer, we trust the Father to bring heaven to earth as he meets us in our vulnerability each day.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you're in need of God's provision in your life.

In my life, may you provide

for _____

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you're in need of God's provision in your environments and experiences.

In my context, may you provide

for _____

Bring these reflections into our evening gathering as we pray together for God's provision in our lives on earth as it is in heaven.

Notes

FRIDAY

**FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE OURSELVES HAVE
FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.**

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

We move from our great physical need to our even greater spiritual need. We echo the prayer of David, “Search me, God, and know my heart.” In doing so, we reflect deeply on the severity of our sin and our incredible need for forgiveness. Just as God provides for our physical needs, he has made provision for our deepest spiritual needs. Heaven has invaded earth and made the way for our debt to be forgiven. This prayer invites us to reflect on those we have been called to forgive. It beckons us to reflect on the great debt we have been forgiven that we may freely forgive those who have wronged us, even as our Father has forgiven us.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER (NET)

Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you are in need of God's forgiveness.

In my life, may I have forgiveness for

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you need to extend forgiveness in your environments and experiences.

In my context, may I extend forgiveness to

Bring these reflections into our evening gathering as we pray together for God's forgiveness to be experienced on earth as it is in heaven.

Notes

SATURDAY

**AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO
TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER
US FROM THE EVIL ONE.**

Jesus Says to Us:

So pray this way:
Our Father in heaven,
May your name be honored,
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we ourselves
have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Consider

In this final petition of praying heaven over earth, we seek deliverance from the reality of sin and the evil one, in whom it finds its origin. On the cross, Christ conquered death and sin, setting into motion a day when we would be fully free from the presence, power, and penalty of sin. Until that day, we wage war against principalities, powers, and the forces of evil. As we live in the already and the not yet, we long for the day when temptation to sin will no longer be a reality. Scripture tells us that God cannot be tempted by sin, nor does he tempt anyone. With this prayer, we ask the Father to lead us in paths of righteousness, to go before us and protect us from the evil one who seeks to devour us, and in so doing, we echo the song of David, “The Lord is my Shepherd ...”



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Reflect

Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you are in need of freedom from temptation.

In my life, may I be free from temptation of

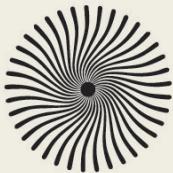
Take some quiet time to allow the Spirit to reveal where you need deliverance from the evil one, in your environment and experiences.

In my context, may I have deliverance from

We will not be gathering corporately this evening, but encourage you to go deeper in your at-home reflections.

Notes

YOUR PRAYER



Use your reflections throughout the week to complete your own prayer in the format that Jesus gave us in Matthew 6.

My Father in heaven, may your name be honored in _____.

May your kingdom come in _____,

**may your will be done in _____
as it is in heaven.**

May you provide _____

for _____.

May I have forgiveness for _____,

and may I forgive _____.

May I be free from temptation of _____

May I have deliverance from _____

WEEK OF PRAYER



MONDAY–FRIDAY, JANUARY 9–13*

At-Home Morning Reflections

6:30 PM Prayer Gatherings in the Fellowship Hall

At-Home Evening Reflections

**All regular gatherings will be joining us this week.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

At-Home Morning + Evening Reflections

(No corporate prayer gathering)



RESOURCES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR

Daily guides + regular prayer gatherings