

Praying as Jesus Prayed #6 – Jesus & His Model Prayer
August 23, 2015 – Matthew 6:9-13

Read Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4

1. Here is the model, not formula, for prayer Jesus gave to His followers, a prayer now used for almost 2,000 years.
 - a. What is the difference between a model prayer and a formula for prayer?
2. If you could say to Jesus “Teach me to pray”, what specific aspect(s) about prayer would you mean?

Spend some time reflecting on this prayer

3. Make a list of the different ideas you see Jesus wanting us to be reminded of as we pray.
 - a. Now look at the order of the prayer, is there any reasoning you see for the order for the ideas Jesus gave here?

Read Luke 11:5-13

4. What is your current attitude towards prayer?
 - a. How do these words from Jesus encourage you in regard to praying to God?
5. When you hear or speak of God as “Father” what kind of images, positive or negative does that bring us for you?
 - a. Are any of those images hindering you from praying to your Heavenly Father, trusting His love for you?
6. How can you make the pattern of this prayer more active in your current practice of prayer?

Scripture Memorization:

The Lord’s Prayer (or if you know it already, try memorizing from another translation)