

DAILY READING: JESUS' PRINCIPLES FOR PRAYER

Principles are guides showing us how we are to do something. This week we will practice praying the way Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6.

DAILY STUDY: JESUS' PRINCIPLES FOR PRAYER

DAY 1 – Matthew 6:9 (page 946)

“Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.”

Jesus teaches us that prayer begins with praise. “Our Father in heaven” shows us how big and awesome God is and yet He is personal and loving. The first line of this prayer shows us to praise and honor Him and His name. Thank Him for all He has done for you and all He is going to do for you. When you do this, you are praising and honoring Him.

DAY 2 – Matthew 6:10 (page 946)

“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Jesus is teaching us to pray for God's purpose (*plan or will to be done*) in our lives. This prayer is not meant for just you but for everyone. Pray for God's plans to be done in your family, in your church, in your neighborhood, in your friends' lives, and all around the world.

DAY 3 – Matthew 6:11 (page 946)

“Give us today the food we need,”

Jesus is teaching us to depend on God for everything. God wants to take care of all our needs. We ask for the Father to provide for our needs every day. Ask God to give you what you need for this day and thank Him.

Going Fast

The Australian Tiger Beetle is the fastest insect, covering 4.2 miles an hour. Our prayers to God don't take any time to get to Him.



DAY 4 – Matthew 6:12 (page 946)

“and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”

Each day we are to confess (*to admit*) to God our sins. Then we ask God to forgive us for our sins. If we have hurt someone, we apologize and ask that person to forgive us. If someone has wronged us, we must be willing to forgive that person. Admit any sin in your life and ask for forgiveness. Forgive those who have hurt you.

Try the activity on page 947 about the Lord's Prayer!

DAY 5 – Matthew 6:13 (page 946)

“And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”

This is a prayer for protection against Satan (*the enemy of God*) and evil. A follower of Jesus does not need to fear Satan. We do need protection, though. Satan wants to get you to sin (*disobey God and do wrong things*). God is greater than the enemy and God is your protector. Ask God to protect you and your family from sin and fear.

DAY 6 – Follow the steps and pray through the principles Jesus gave us for prayer today.

DAY 7 – Follow the steps and pray through the principles Jesus gave us for prayer today.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 6:9-13
“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”
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