

# The Jesus Way to Pray

Part 3: The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 9-13

## Launch

Are you a WHAT person or a HOW person? In other words, are you more interested in concepts, ideas, and possibilities or in details, tactics, and reality?

## Explore

### Read the passage

Why does Jesus tell us to address God as “our Father”?

What does “hallowed be your name” mean? Why should people pray this?

What does this passage reflect about the nature of prayer?

## Apply

When you hear the Lord's prayer, what is the first memory that comes to mind? What emotions do you associate with it?

If Jesus intended the Lord's prayer to be merely an example of how to pray, why do so many people memorize it and pray it by rote?

According to Pastor Wheeler, prayer should be informal, relational, and worshipful. Which one of these characteristics is the most true of your prayer life? Which is the least true? What is one thing you can do to improve that?

## Pray

Using the Lord's prayer as a model, pray for God's *name*, *kingdom*, and *will* to be reflected here on earth like it is in heaven.