

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Lord's Prayer – Part 1

Matthew 6:9–10

The address (9)

Gal. 4:4–7; Rom. 8:15–17; John 1:12–13; 1 John 3:1; John 4:24; 2 Chron. 6:18; Eccl. 5:2

- How is God described in the prayer's address?
- Do you struggle to relate to God as your heavenly Father? Why? How can you learn to rest in his love each day?
- What does it mean that God is "in heaven"?
- How does remembering that God is both our loving Father and that he is "in heaven" help us as we pray?

Petition 1 – God's name (9)

1 Sam. 25:25; Gen. 25:26; Ex. 3:14; 34:5–7; Ps. 8:1; 18:49; 68:4; 92:1; Isa. 25:1; Mal. 3:16; John 14:9; 17:6, 26; Isa. 6:3; Ps. 34:3

- What does God's name represent?
- What are some names God uses in Scripture to describe who he is?
- What does it mean to hallow God's name?
- How does a focus on God's glory reshape our prayers for things like health, finances, and relationships?

Petition 2 – God's kingdom (10)

Ps. 93:1–2; 103:19; Dan. 4:34; Gen. 1:26–28; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Matt. 4:17; Matt. 12:28–29; Luke 17:21; Col. 2:15; Col. 1:13; Rev. 11:15

- What is the kingdom of God?
- How is God's kingdom both already present and still future?
- What three things are we praying for when we pray "your kingdom come"?

Petition 3 – God's will (10)

Ps. 135:6; Eph. 1:11; Gen. 50:20; Acts 2:22–23; 4:27–28; Ps. 103:20; Matt. 26:36–46

- What are two ways Scripture talks about God's will?
- Which aspect of God's will is being referred to in this petition?
- What characterizes the way the angels do God's will?
- When did Jesus pray this petition?
- What should we remember about who God is in order to pray "your will be done" in difficult circumstances?