

Sermon Notes for May 21, 2017

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-15

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This, then, is how you should pray...

The Lord's prayer is instruction to the disciples about **how** to prayer, not about **what** to pray.

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be your name

Recognize we have a real relationship with God, He is not distant and unknowable.

Recognize and respect God's transcendent nature, deserving of all praise and worship.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Pray for the salvation of those you know.

Pray for the spiritual growth of yourself and those you know.

Pray for the Church and missionaries as they work to advance God's kingdom.

Give us today our daily bread

Pray for the needs we have.

Give thanks to God graciously for what He has given us, recognizing that all belongs to Him.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Prayer should reflect being repentant of our sins.

We should pray for our enemies, reflecting our forgiveness of them.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Pray for God's protection from that which would wish to harm us.

The Lord's prayer first prays about God, then about others, and then finally about ourselves.