

# Sermon Notes



## Prayer @ CFC

- In service- Guided Prayer
- Monthly- Prayer nights

## Felt Need: How is your Prayer Life?

### Book recommendations:

A Praying Life- Paul Miller

Sacred Rhythms- Ruth Barton

## Big Idea: The way that you pray shapes your relationship with God.

### Overcoming:

- Shallow
- “Kingdom of Noise”
- Unseen, eternal world
- Shame
- Cynicism

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### Matthew 6:9-13

**9** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

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

**11** Give us this day our daily bread,

**12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

### A. Pray Like He's Your Dad

**9** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

1. He's Relatable

**John 14:9b** “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.”

2. He's Relational

**Rev. 3:20**, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him **and eat with him** and he with me.”

3. You're the Kid

**Matthew 18:3-4**

**3** ..."Truly I say to you, unless you... **become like children**, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. **4**"Whoever then **humbles himself** as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**B. Pray Like He's God**

**9** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**C. Pray within the Story**

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

**No Story**: bitter, angry, aimless, cynical, controlling, hopeless.

**Story**: waiting and watching in wonder.

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**B. Pray Within Our Context**

**1. Express our Daily Dependence upon God.**

**11** Give us this day our daily bread,

**2. Confess our Constant need for Forgiveness.**

**12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**3. Confess our Constant need for Deliverance.**

**13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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**In Service Prayer**

- Pray and thank God that He is our Father.
- Ask God to align our hearts around His for the second site in Lancaster City.
- Ask God to protect us from anxiety and to trust Him in all things.
- Pray for CFCers currently dealing with cancer; for God to be glorified, and for peace and strength.

# Study Guide



**Big Idea: The way that you pray shapes your relationship with God.**

1. Share with each other how your prayer life is currently going. How relational does it feel? Describe some of the barriers we face while trying to pray:

- Shallow, one-sided prayer.
- Overcoming the “Kingdom of Noise”
- Breaking through the veil into the unseen world.
- Being deterred by shame.
- Feeling hardened by cynicism

Read Matthew 6:9-13 and keep your Bible open to the Prayer.

## **2. Pray like He’s your dad.**

Discuss the dynamics around the idea that you are talking to your “Father” when you pray. How does that affect the way you pray?

See also John 14:9b (relatable); Revelation 3:20 (relational); Matthew 18:3-4 (childlike).

## **3. Pray like He is God.**

According to v. 9-10 we are to pray for God’s kingdom and will to be done. How does praying this way change our hearts within our circumstances? Discuss an area in which you shifted from, “not my will, but your will be done.” What was that like for you?

## **4. Pray within your Context.**

According to v. 11-13 we are to pray for “us” and “our” community. What does it look like for you to pray for the following things? How does this change the way you relate to God? Discuss.

- Daily Dependence (v.11)
- Daily Forgiveness (v.12)
- Daily Deliverance (v.13)

## **Application**

What is something you sense God leading you to change or implement about how you approach prayer? Discuss.

Take a few minutes to pray quietly and ask God to give you wisdom on how to handle and redirect your own passions for money, sex and power. Ask God to make you aware of areas you are not surrendered and be willing to surrender these over to Him.

Next, pray as a group for each other to live a lifestyle of surrender to Jesus.