

Wednesday

Read: **Matthew 6:11** *God's provision*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is daily bread for you?*
2. *What role does trust play in this request?*

Prayer Focus You are the Provider, gracious God.

Everything that is, comes from you. We each have bread that we need on a daily basis, bread only you can give.

Help us remember all who are in need of both physical and spiritual food today.

Thursday

Read: **Matthew 6:12** *God's forgiveness*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does God's forgiveness mean for your every-day life?*
2. *Who are your debtors? Pray for God's help to forgive them.*

Prayer Focus Love and justice, peace and healing, connection and community all come from your forgiveness, Gracious God. Remind us of all the forgiveness you offer to us, always. Remind us to imitate your forgiveness as we seek to find wholeness in our lives with others.

Friday

Read: **Matthew 6:13** *God's salvation*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What times of trial have affected you the most?*
2. *Pray today for all those facing trying times. Ask God for rescue, and to be a part of that salvation.*

Prayer Focus God, we don't always understand why some times of trial come into our lives. We do understand that you are our answer to living in and through those times. Show us how to aid you in saving and mending and restoring our world.

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Pastor's message: **Matthew 6:9-13**

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What would be lacking if we never said the Lord's prayer in worship?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Matthew 6:9-13**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Monday

Read: Matthew 6:9 *God's hallowed name*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you understand "hallowed is" God's name?*
2. *How do you usually address God in your prayers? Why does that name resonate with you?*

Prayer Focus Holy One, we say your name is hallowed to remind us that we are not you, that you're our only God, the maker of all. Thank you for being our Parent in heaven. We pray to find more ways to keep your name sacred and set apart from all other names.

Tuesday

Read: Matthew 6:10 *God's will for all time*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why is it difficult sometimes to understand God's will?*
2. *What is your idea of heaven and earth together as one?*

Prayer Focus God who makes us one, we know we create divisions between your will for the world, between ourselves, between heaven and earth. We rejoice that your kingdom has already come, that it is coming right now, and that it is meant to come fully. Show us how to play our part in that life in you.