

## **Series: Praying Through the Scriptures**

*Praying like Jesus*

Sunday July 29, 2018

1. Luke 11:1-13
2. This is such a counter-cultural prayer!
3. It turns our attention outside of our self-reliant selves to a heavenly Father – vs. a culture whose mantra is, “I got this!”
4. It is a turning to the sacred – to the One whose name is holy – vs. the profane and secular of our world.
5. It turns us from our self-centeredness to the expansive and inclusive “us” and “we.”
6. It turns us from our greeds (“I want, I want, I want”) to our needs (“daily bread”).
7. It turns us to forgiveness of self and others – to honest appraisal of who we are and how to relate to others – vs. a culture of entitlement and justification and denial.
8. And it is a turning away from those things that tempt us to sin – vs. a culture that rationalizes its sin and turns to it in the name of experience and exploration – like – “I can’t know it’s bad until I know it’s bad” and “It’s not that bad!” – and vs. a culture that uses temptation to market itself.
9. *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”* (Mt. 6:9-12)
10. “Thank you Father that I belong to an “Our” – that I am part of a global movement of faith. Thank you for all of those who have been and who will be those people who have told me about you and shown me how to live like you. Thank you for this local expression of your international church – that I get to lead – whom I get to work and play with. May we continue to seek you and listen to you and follow your Spirit’s leading. May you fill us with your Spirit to make us wise and gentle and courageous. Thank you for those in leadership with me. Thank you for their friendship and wisdom. Help me to listen to them and make me wise to help them when I can. Thank you for inviting me into your family!”

11. "Papa. Who am I that you – the Creator of the universe would invite me to call you "Father?" Thank you that you care about me – that you walk with me – like a good Father. Fill me with a sense of your love for me – of my worthwhileness to you. Remind me that this is who I am: your boy! And help me not look for validation outside of this truth. May I love others today out of the overflow of your love for me."

12. "Heavenly Father, you alone are holy. There is no one like you. You are love and pure goodness. I praise you for who you are. You are Yahweh – the great 'I AM' - whose name is like breath. You are El Shaddai – the God of power and nurture. You are Jehovah Jireh – the God who provides. I praise you that you alone have and always will exist and that you give me life. I praise you that you have created all that you have by the power of your might but that your might is as tender as a mother's love for her child. I praise you that you sustain all of creation – even me – as long as you will. Holy, holy, holy are you Lord, God Almighty!"

13. *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... **your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...***

14. "I ask that your rule and your reign would begin with me. I submit to your Son, Jesus as Lord. I want to follow him. And even as I pray that your kingdom would come – I acknowledge that you have called me into demonstrating and proclaiming that kingdom – that I am an ambassador of your kingdom. Help me to see the opportunities you give me today to share your kingdom with the people who you bring into my life: a gesture, a kindness, a way of helping them. Help me to be sensitive to those who are seeking you, who have questions, who are wandering and wondering – help me to listen well, to say what you'd want me to say, to speak the truth with gentleness and respect. I am excited to partner with you in your kingdom-come."

15. *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... **Give us today our daily bread...***

16. "Heavenly Father, I pray that you would meet my needs so that I can help meet the needs of others. Thank you that you do. Help me to receive all that you give me with a joyous and thankful heart. Fill me with your Spirit so that I can see people as you see them, hear their hurts, know their pain, and do what I can with you to bring about healing and hope. Jesus is the bread of life. Help me to know him better and to become more like him – the one who gave his life in service of others

17. *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... Give us today our daily bread... **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...***

18. *The death he died, he died to sin once for all... (Ro. 6:10).*

19. *Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many... By that we will have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified* (Heb. 9:28; 10:10; 10:14).

20. "Papa, reveal to me where I have sinned against you and against others. I'm sorry. Thank you for forgiving me. I know you love me and that there is no shame in me coming to you to ask you to reveal to me my sin. I am asking this so that I can change, do better, and love more. I am also asking you to tell me where I have hurt others. Reveal their names and those situations – things I have dismissed, denied, or forgotten. Fill me with the courage to approach them and ask them for their forgiveness – and let the chips fall where they may. Where I have withheld forgiveness – please reveal that to me as well. I am in no position to not forgive others given how you've forgiven me. May I forgive those who have hurt me to keep me from becoming bitter and to allow for the possibility of reconciliation. Where I cannot restore any of these broken relationships – I place my trust in you to restore them if they can be and to vindicate me if they can't. I choose to trust you – because you are just and merciful."

21. *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... Give us today our daily bread... Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one...***

22 "Heavenly Father, where am I tempted. Would you make me aware and wise to withstand or run away from what tempts me to sin? Would you help me to choose better for me than I would (naturally) choose for myself? Would you give me some strategies and tools to help me overcome temptations (because you promised that I am an overcomer in Christ, Jn. 16:33). Thank you for your deliverance from sin through Christ and every occasion when I escape here and now – those I see and those I don't. You are a faithful God!"

23. 2 POINTS 4 PEACE

1. *Our Father...*

2. *Give us today our daily bread...*