

# Jesus on Mic

## Part 4: What Did Jesus Say about Prayer?

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

Some of us pray for the needs of our friends and family. Some of us pray for ourselves. Some of us may not pray at all. What Jesus says about prayer is both a challenge and encouragement for what's possible when we pray.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Why do I, or don't I, pray?
- Top three reasons people pray, according to a Barna study—the needs of friends and family, our own needs, and to give thanks.
- The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13
- "Our Father in heaven" - God is our father—loving, gentle, has only our best in mind.
- "Hallowed be your name" - Honoring God above all else should be a priority in prayer.
- "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" - This is a statement of surrender. We should pray for everything to be conformed to what God wants for us.
- The goal of prayer isn't to get God to do what we want, but to align our desires with His.
- "Give us today our daily bread" - God does invite us to ask for what we need.
- "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" - This humbles us, stirs our gratitude for God, and compels us to offer the same forgiveness to others.
- "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" - This is a desire to stay away from what leads us to evil.
- "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther
- "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." | Matthew 7:7-8
- "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" | Matthew 7:9-11
- It's hard to keep praying. It's hard to keep trusting. But justice will come.
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. | John 15:14-15

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your relationship with prayer right now? How often do you pray? Why do you pray, or what do you pray for?
2. Have you ever found it difficult to pray? Why is that?
3. When you look at the Lord's prayer that Jesus teaches, which part stands out to you the most—which is most challenging or would be most helpful for your own prayer?
4. What one thing can you focus on this week to help you pray—what practice or what perspective change can you cultivate?