



## The Lord's Prayer

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Don't know if you can sense it... but God is stirring up the world...

Jesus said, The wind blows where it pleases... so it is with everyone born of the Spirit. John 3:7

The Spirit of God is blowing... best way to catch the wind is to raise the sail

Prayer is how we hoist our sails... We're embarking on 5wk journey of prayer

In Luke when disciples asked Jesus to teach 'em to pray... He gave them the Lord's Prayer.

Teaching us prayers of adoration, confession, intercession, spiritual warfare

FOCUS. The Lords Prayer guides us into prayer by helping us KEEP IT REAL, KEEP IT SIMPLE, and to KEEP IT GOING.

KEEP IT REAL. Matthew 6:5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer needs to be a place where we can bring our whole hearts to a big God

Where we can be ourselves...bring the good, the bad and the ugly before God, not before men.

The Lords prayer reminds us:

1. to confess our sin... forgive us our sins...
2. to acknowledge our every-day needs... gives us today our daily bread.
3. To be honest about our temptations... lead us not into temptation...

CS LEWIS— What may seem our worst prayers may really be, in God's eyes, our best. Those, I mean, which are least supported by devotional feeling... These, perhaps... come from a deeper level than feelings... God sometimes seems to speak to us most intimately when we catches us off our guard.

KEEP IT SIMPLE. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Jesus' Prayer is short... only 6 clauses... 53 words in NIV version

It's so simple a child can memorize it... I recommend we try this w/ our kids.

The Lords prayer was used both as a "Set Prayer"... something memorized that we recite... Luke 11:2 Jesus said... "When you pray, SAY..."



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AND YET also as a starting point for inspired spontaneous prayer. So We can:

- Simply recite it and let it be like a small seed planted in a moment.
- Recite the prayer and once done... pray on our own.
- Pause after each clause... and allow it to inspire spontaneous prayer.

Jesus' prayer gives us that structure and opportunity for inspiration.

KEEP IT GOING. Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples... that they should always pray and not give up.

Keep it Real. Keep it Simple. Lastly, Jesus' Prayer helps us KEEP IT GOING.

Jesus' prayer warns us... Lead us not into temptation and Deliver us from the evil one...

Jesus' prayer reminds us there are evil powers dead set on killing our prayer life... thru distraction, discouragement, deception...

CS Lewis, The Screwtape Letters— The best possible thing, where it is possible is to keep the patient from the serious intention of praying altogether... teach them to estimate the value of each prayer by their success in producing the desired feeling."

1) I encourage you to find a partner... someone who's up for a 35 day prayer challenge.

2) Lean into using the Jesus' Prayer:

1. Commit to praying daily... 5-15min. Begin with 1min of silence. Recite.
2. Add more set times in the day to stop and recite/ pray. Am/ noon/ pm.
3. The Didache (late first century) "Pray this prayer 3 times a day"
4. Tether it to a daily routine/ habit... washing dishes... driving kids... Putting kids to bed... recite together... and pray...