



The Lord's Prayer (HW)

Friday, Nov 4th.

Personal Reflection

Choose two of the following sections of the Lord's Prayer. Respond to the questions honestly and fully. Hand write or type.

"Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name"

- 1) Are you fearful of or reluctant to approach God? What images deepen your feeling of closeness to God and help you to want to draw closer?
- 2) What "rules" or expectations about prayer interfere with your praying? What rules or structures are helpful to you?
- 3) In what ways would you like to deepen your relationship with God? What are your resources for doing that?
- 4) What do the opening phrases of the Lord's Prayer mean to you?

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

- 1) Identify a major story, from a newspaper, a newscast, or a current event you are aware of, and note whether it reflects what you believe God wants for the world. Does it? (Pray about that situation in your next devotional).
- 2) Why might praying, "thy will be done" frightening for a person. If you can pray this readily, how are you able to do so without fear?
- 3) What can you do to bring this part of the kingdom closer to reality?

"Give us this day our Daily Bread"

- 1) When was the last time you asked God for something specific for yourself or someone else? Did you receive what you prayed for? How did you feel about asking?
- 2) Whom do you know among God's children who is in need of food, clothing, medical care or other necessities? How can you share your abundance to meet these needs?
- 3) How do you feel when you consider the idea that what God gives us does not belong to us exclusively? What claim do you think God has on your resources and possessions?
- 4) What did you receive from God's hand yesterday? What do you need from God today?

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"

- 1) Do you find it easier to forgive yourself when you feel that you have failed God or to forgive others when they fail you or hurt you? Why do you think you are as you are in this regard?



Prayer

- 2) Think about a serious wrong you've had to forgive of someone. What was your process for forgiving? How long did it take?
- 3) When was the last time you asked someone to forgive you? If you have never asked anyone for forgiveness, why not?
- 4) When have you been able to be gracious to someone who asked your forgiveness? When have you struggled to be gracious when someone asked forgiveness? What caused the difference in your responses?
- 5) Who has embodied for you God's gracious forgiveness? What words, attitudes, or actions of that person do you want to make a part of your manner in forgiving?

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

- 1) In what situations do you often find yourself struggling between your desires and what you believe God asks?
- 2) At those times, what – if anything – helps you to choose God's way?
- 3) In times when you are tempted, what can you do to remind yourself to pause and turn to God before acting?
- 4) What words from scripture could you recall to help you?
- 5) What does the Bible story about Jesus' temptation (Matthew 4:1-11) say to you about temptation? What help does it offer when you think about your own temptations?

The ACTS Prayer Pattern (HW)

Tuesday, Nov. 8th

My Personal Prayer

Follow the ACTS prayer pattern and write out a prayer. You may use phrases or passages of scripture in your prayer. The Psalms is a good place to get passages. Minimum 15 lines, 150 words.

Assessment: **Organization:** followed pattern. **Ideas:** concepts revealed are accurate. **Mechanics and Presentation:** neat, edited, language use.