

BIBLE STUDY - The Lord's Prayer

Lesson 1: Prayer/ The Address

Introduction: People pray because they...

1. What is prayer?

- Matthew 15:8-9: These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain.

Prayer is an act of _____ in which we speak to God from our _____.

2. Whose prayers does God hear?

- John 16:23: My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
- 1 Peter 3:12: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

God hears on the prayers of those who are acceptable to him by faith in _____.

3. What kind of prayers may a believer bring to God?

- Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- 1 Timothy 2:1: I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

A believer may bring prayers of _____ or _____ to God about _____ or _____.

4. When and where may a believer pray and with what words?

- Matthew 6:6: When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.
- 1 Timothy 2:8: I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer.
- 1 Samuel 1:10-16 (Hannah poured out her soul to God in her own words.)
- Luke 11:1: One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."
- Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

A believer may pray _____ and _____ using one's _____ words, _____ words, or the _____ Prayer.

Application: (Agree or Disagree)

1. The benefit we receive from prayer is that it strengthens our faith.
2. God hears the prayers of Muslims, but he doesn't answer them.
3. Each of our prayers should have a certain formula that we follow.
4. We shouldn't keep changing the Lord's Prayer because we're changing what Jesus said.

THE ADDRESS

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

1. What does Jesus want us to remember when he tells us to address God as “our Father in heaven”?

- Galatians 3:26: You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Galatians 4:4-5: But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the fully rights of sons.
- 1 John 3:1: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

When we address God as “our Father in heaven,” Jesus wants us to remember that by

_____ **in him, God is our true** _____ **and we are his true**
_____.

2. Why does Jesus want us to remember the relationship we have with the Father?

- Romans 8:15: You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
- Ephesians 3:12: In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.
- Matthew 7:9-11: Which of you, if his 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!

Jesus wants us to remember our relationship with the Father so that we pray to him as

_____ **and** _____ **as dear children ask**
their dear father.

Application: (*Agree or Disagree*)

1. *God cannot deny our prayers if we come to him in sincerity and true faith.*
2. *God wants us to repent of our sins before we ask him for anything.*
3. *The reason we don't receive is because we don't ask our heavenly Father.*