

# Teach Me to Pray

**TEXT:** Matthew 6:5-15; 1 John 5:14,15

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES:** 1 Chronicles 16:11; Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 6:18

**KEY VERSE:** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. — Matthew 6:9-13

**RESOURCE MATERIAL:** Tract No. 57 — Prevailing Prayer

The Gospels tell us of a number of occasions when Jesus prayed. Our communion with God is no less important. Christ gave His disciples what is now known as the Lord's Prayer, thus teaching them that their discipleship depended on their communication with God the Father. As we study Christ's example and instruction of how to pray contained in the Lord's Prayer, we will seek to identify those attitudes required for true communication with God. Such communication is no less essential today if we would live for Jesus.

1. In your own words, define *prayer*.

2. When two friends communicate well, what is the result? Make a spiritual application.

3. Christ began the Lord's Prayer with the words, "Our Father which art in heaven." What do these words imply regarding our relationship with Him?

4. In reference to the phrase, "Hallowed be thy name," define the word *hallow*. What attitude is evidenced by the use of this phrase, and why should this attitude be evidenced in our prayers?

5. Verse 10 includes the words, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." If these words are said sincerely, they reflect a spirit of submission. What are some of the specific areas which would then be submitted to the will of God?

6. The phrase, "Give us this day our daily bread," indicates a feeling of dependence upon God. Name some other things for which we depend upon God.

7. What two thoughts are brought out by the phrase, "Forgive us our debts [trespasses], as we forgive our debtors [those who trespass against us]"?

8. Explain in your own words what is meant by the phrase, "And lead us not into temptation."

9. What attitude toward God is reflected in the concluding words of the prayer?