



Red Letter Praying

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Q—Do you ever have an “off” day?

Matthew 6:5–9a (NIV)

Today’s Red Letter Truth: Prayer is more than asking for help; it’s about

aligning ourselves to God’s Kingdom.

Matthew 6:9b-13 (KJV)

The Lord’s Kingdom Alignment Prayer:

“Our Father in heaven,” Matthew 6:9a (NIV)

⇒ **“God, be my _____.”**

Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

⇒ **“_____ who you are.”**

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

⇒ **“Thy will, not _____ will, be done.”**

Matthew 6:10, 33 (NIV)

“Give us today our daily bread” Matthew 6:11 (NIV)

⇒ **“Lord, please give us just what we _____ when we need it.”**

Matthew 6:12 (NIV)

⇒ **“Please give me _____ as I give grace to others.”**

Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

⇒ **“Keep us _____ from ourselves and Satan himself.”**

Q—Father, where in my life do I need to align myself with your Kingdom?



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Pray Like Jesus*

Share Together: What was family dinner like for you growing up? Did you pray before the meal?

Reflect Together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message and from the Red Letter Living 40 Day Guide? How has this challenged you so far and is there a S.O.A.P. day you would

like to share, that could encourage the group?

Read the Red Together: Matthew 6:5-8

Discuss Together:

- Why did Jesus contrast the motive of a hypocritical person with a person who is sincere, when it comes to how and why to pray?
- Jesus points out that prayer should be done in secret. How would you balance what He says with the need for prayer in groups or public?
- Based on verse 8, God already knows our needs – so why do we need to pray at all? How does this verse connect Jesus' instruction about how to pray and the purpose of The Lord's Prayer?

Read the Red Together: Matthew 6:9-13

Discuss Together:

- What is significant about Jesus addressing God as Father, and how is that important to us?
- Why do you think it is important to tell God, who is already perfect, that He is holy?
- How have you been tempted to pray "my will" rather than "thy will"? What have been the results? What about when you purposefully pray "thy will" instead?
- How does prayer bring heaven to earth?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes "daily bread"? What does that communicate about the significance of our prayer as a daily rhythm, and our continual dependence on God through a relationship with Him?
- What is the relationship between forgiveness and prayer, according to Jesus?
- What is powerful and critical about preempting temptation and seeking deliverance through prayer?
- After looking at Jesus' model of how to pray, how would you sum up the purpose of prayer?

Pray Together (or in smaller micro groups) How can we pray like Jesus for one another? Share prayer requests as well as the good things God has been doing in your lives.