

DIGGING DEEPER

Series: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?
Sermon: *A Pattern of Prayer*
Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13



GETTING STARTED

On the scale below, rank your assessment of satisfaction you have with your overall prayer life.

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Completely Dissatisfied Completely Satisfied

BIBLE STUDY

1. By instructing us to call God “Our Father”, what was Jesus trying to emphasize about our relationship with God?
 - How does that relationship affect the way we should pray?
2. Why is it important to recognize God’s holiness and sanctity (“hallowed be Your name”) when praying to Him?
3. What types of requests are specifically mentioned in this model prayer (vv. 10-12) that should guide us in bringing our petitions before God?
4. Based upon this prayer, how would you respond to someone who suggested that it is wrong to pray for physical or material needs?
5. In praying for deliverance from temptation and evil in verse 13, is Jesus suggesting that we can avoid adversity and hardship in this life? Explain.
 - What assurance are we given in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that God will answer this prayer?
6. Pastor Paul pointed out that some Bible translations do not include a part of verse 13 that is in the KJV and NKJV (“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever”). However, he pointed out that this is a “fitting summary” of this prayer. Why do you think it is a fitting summary?

APPLY IT

Review the four areas addressed by this model prayer (Relationship, Reverence, Requests, Redemption). Select one of these areas to work on that will strengthen and enhance your prayer life. Write down specific steps you will take.