

Fall 2016

Praying through the “Lord’s Prayer”

Several years ago, I felt the Lord leading me to pray through the verses known as the “Lord’s prayer” —not going through it in a rote manner but meditating and praying through each phrase. It touched me so much that I have prayed through at least parts of it almost every day since. I would like to give you a little idea how this plays out to see if might bless your prayer life as well. I believe it can help you to develop a more disciplined and fruitful prayer life. For this to work, we first must strive with His power to make prayer and seeking God a *central, governing priority* in our life.

“Our Father, who is in heaven” (Part 1)

(Read John 1:1-17 and Philippians 2:1-13.)

The opening phrase establishes for us the most affectionate and intimate relationship with God—that of father and child. As you pray, thank God for sending His Son. Envision what Jesus did for us to bring us back to this intimate son and daughter position. We are “in Christ”—the One who is the closest and most intimate with the Father, the One who has left the bosom of the Father. He emptied Himself, became a man, died for us, rose from the dead, and was enthroned again at the right hand of the Father. Christ opened the door with His precious blood for us to this most precious location in the bosom of the Father. You cannot get closer! Rejoice in this intimate loving relationship that we have with God.

(Read Romans 8 and Hebrews 10.)

Now with the door opened by Christ, we can enter boldly into the presence of God the Father. He has given us His Spirit so that our hearts cry, “Abba,” or Daddy. Worship God with this intimate boldness of the beloved child. Frolic in His love and care.

Retreat Center Report



God is faithful! With Ruth sensing a great deal of stress, I am thankful we have had a calm third quarter.

- *Counseling via Skype and telephone is picking up.*
- *I have committed myself to a prayer ministry. Time on your knees puts you into the most important battle—the spiritual battle. We are holding up the missionaries who have been here and many others on our list.*
- *Care of the property has been extensive. Irrigating 50 acres continued into September. Vehicle-maintenance with Hannah working also increased. And roaming bears have made animal care more difficult!*

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Family Report Thanks for your prayers!

The above picture shows our children (from left to right: Rebekah, Ashley, Timothy, Hannah, and Elisabeth) at FBC Medford's Harvest Festival. Through the Harvest Festival, we get to reach out to the surrounding community and provide family fun, candy, and the gospel. Hannah, Rebekah, and Elisabeth made gospel bracelets with dozens of kids and parents. With each bracelet, they had the privilege of sharing the gospel! Pray that some of these people will come to the Lord.

Thank you for praying for Ruth. She continues to suffer greatly (from muscle and joint pain caused by not being able to move) and from emotional anguish.

Pray for Hannah as she has started to work part-time at Grace Christian School in Medford. Pray for safety as she travels approximately 20 miles to work 3 times a week. Also pray for her as she is applying to Columbia College to work on a BA in Psychology.

Rebekah has one more semester at Western Governor's University, and then she must do her student teaching. She will also be starting a teachers' aid/substitute teaching position at Butte Falls Charter School. It looks as if she will be able to do her student teaching there as well! Pray for her health and protection.



Pray for Elisabeth as she works on eleventh grade in homeschool. She has some tough courses, such as chemistry and geometry.

All of us (except Timothy and Ashley) are working with Awana. Awana gives us a wonderful opportunity to teach God's word and share the gospel with children and families. Timothy and Ashley are working with the church youth group.

Thank you to those who are helping us and praying for this ministry. Do pray for the additional support needed to make ends meet. God is faithful and will provide. If you would like to be part of His provision, let us know.

Love in Christ,
Brent, Ruth, Timothy, Ashley, Hannah, Rebekah, and Elisabeth Ullom

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