

## The Life of Christ

### Sermon on the Mount

#### The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-15

**Handout:** Why We Pray (I Thessalonians 5:17)

**Matthew 6:9a** Our heavenly Father

**Matthew 6:9b** Hallowed be Thy Name

**Matthew 6:10a** Thy Kingdom Come

**Matthew 6:10b** Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven

**Matthew 6:11** Provide for THIS day (see Matthew 6:19-34, esp. v. 33)

**Matthew 6:12** Forgive us, as we have forgiven others (see vs. 14-15)

**Matthew 6:13a** Do not lead us into temptation (situations which will be morally difficult) – No man is tempted by God (James 1:13-15), but there are times when Christians find themselves in circumstances where temptations abound. Personal example, I am absolutely sure that God directed my enlistment in the US Marines...

**Matthew 6:13b** Deliver us from evil (I Corinthians 10:13)

#### **Prayer is a topic which can easily be the study-focus of a lifetime.**

Prayer is nothing less than one-on-one communication with the Creator of the universe, and the Author of our salvation.

Commandments to pray, instructions on how to pray, requests for prayer, examples of prayer, results of prayer – all these are given over and over, and from Genesis to Revelation.

An active prayer-life is one of the core responsibilities of Christians.

## Why We Pray

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17 AV)

Reasons for prayer for self & others and in thanksgiving & praise. Importance of a quiet time and prayer in unison. Prayer keeps our heart open to God.

### I. Pray for ourselves

- A: Cleansing *1 John 1:9*
- B: Guidance *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- C: Strength & Encouragement *Philippians 4:13*
- D: Intervention *Acts 12:5*

### II. Pray for others

- A: Bearing burdens *Galatians 6:2*
- B: Draws us together } *Acts 12:5*
- C: Unified prayer }
- D: For all men *1 Timothy 2:1-3*

### III. Importance of thanksgiving & praise

- A: Thanksgiving *Philippians 4:6*
- B: Praise *Psalms 150*

### IV. Benefits of communion with God

- A: Requires us to be holy and submissive.
- B: Brings us God's perspective on our life. } *Isaiah 55:8-9*
- C: Better understanding of the heart & mind of God. }
- D: Makes God an active part of our life.