

## **Lord Teach Us To Pray**

### **Our Father in heaven,**

You pray to God who has adopted you as His children. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

### **Hallowed be your name.**

You are praying that you will prefer God to every other person, pleasure or position in the universe. You are praying that all other loyalties and all other loves will be forsaken out of love for God by you, our church and the world. (Matthew 6:9-13)

### **Your Kingdom come,**

You pray knowing that God has promised to send His kingdom. You acknowledge that His kingdom has come, and is yet to come. (Luke 2:25-35)

### **Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

You pray for each other to love, and do the will of God. (Colossians 1:9-14)

### **Give us this day our daily bread,**

You pray, laying aside worry and anxiety, to perceiving God's purpose, to ponder His providence, and to pursue His promises. (Matthew 6:11, 25-34)

### **and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

You pray recognizing that everyday our sins place us in debt to God. You pray every day trusting in the finished work of Christ for us. And you pray that the knowledge of His forgiveness would be expressed in our activities. (Matthew 6:12, 14-15 with 1 John 1:8-10 & Col. 3:12-13)

### **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

You pray this because you have been born of God and desire not to sin. You pray because we are weak but God is strong, and can deliver us from our powerful and cunning enemy. (Matthew 6:13 & 1 John 3:7-10)