



Part 2: Mirror

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Our Resolution:

To graduate beyond “help me, give me, bless me, and keep me safe.”

*What if talking and listening to God
was as natural as breathing?*

Last week we learned from Matthew 6:5-8:

Obedience matters

Location matters

Motivation matters

Relationship matters most

Jesus shares a way to pray (Matthew 6:9-13):

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

The Mirror:

Jesus is not saying this is the
only way to pray

Don't start with yourself

Acknowledge who is on the other
end of the conversation

Surrender your will and ask for
alignment with his will

Give thanks for God's perspective

Simply ask for provision

Confess, receive grace, then
forgive as you have been forgiven

Simply ask for spiritual protection

Next Steps

One of the best ways to grow your prayer life is to “graduate” beyond praying for just your own needs and desires. Here at CTK there are several prayer teams you can be part of that praying for the church and for other individuals:

1) Pastor’s Prayer Letter

This weekly letter from Pastor Grant focuses on the “big picture” needs of the church. You can pray over these requests at any time, or you can become part of the 24/7 Prayer Team by signing up to pray at a specific day and time every week. Our goal is to cover every hour of every day. Find out more today at the Prayer Ministries table in the Commons or contact Diane (x231 or dianeh@ctkbellingham.com).

2) Prayer Army

CTK’s Prayer Army receives weekly requests that have been submitted by people in our congregation, and prays for these individual needs. Find out more about the Prayer Army today at the Prayer Ministries table in the Commons or contact Teresa (x227 or teresah@ctkbellingham.com).

Suggested Reading

- *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott
- *Our Heavenly Father* by Helmut Thielicke
- *Power through Prayer* by Edward M. Bounds
- *Prayer and Praying Men* by Edward M. Bounds
- *The Necessity of Prayer* by Edward M. Bounds
- *The Weapon of Prayer* by Edward M. Bounds
- *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* by Timothy Keller
- *Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home* by Richard J. Foster
- *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson
- *The Power of Prayer* by R. A. Torrey
- *With Christ in the School of Prayer* by Andrew Murray

Small Group Questions

- 1) What do you believe are the components to a great conversation?
- 2) Have you ever learned the Lord’s Prayer? If so, where did you learn it? Is it meaningful to you? Why or why not?
- 3) Jesus gave us the components of a beautiful and complete prayer. Do you incorporate those components when you pray? In what ways?
- 4) Take some time and pray slowly through the prayer of Jesus. What is God saying to you as you pray to him?
- 5) Have you experienced an answer to prayer in the past week? Was the answer yes, no, wait or trust me? Share it and don’t forget to thank God for His answer.
- 6) What do you need prayer for this week?