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Title: PRAY

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Acts 10:1-2

ACF is called to be a generous church for God's kingdom and to keep prayer at the heart of everything we do.

Prayer is verbal and nonverbal communication between humanity and the Living God.

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:5-8

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Daniel 6:10

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...

- Acknowledge God as your heavenly Father.
- Praise God for His goodness toward us.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

- Invite God's presence into any situation you are facing.
- Pray for God's light to drive out any darkness.

Give us today our daily bread...

- Think through your day and what may be lacking.
- Be as specific as possible and ask for your needs.

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

- Confess any wrongs that you want God to forgive.
- Pray for God's forgiveness on behalf of those who wronged you.

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

- Pray for victory over any temptations you face.
- And ask God to protect you from any evil.

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