

# Family Discussion Guide

## The Lord's Prayer

### Week 1 Readings, Prayers and Discussion Questions

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## Prayer Time

Begin by discussing the people and circumstances you wish to bring to God in prayer. Pray for those concerns as they arise. Practice using the "A – C – T – S" suggestion for what to include in a prayer (adoration/praise, confession/I'm sorry, thanksgiving, supplication/please help me). At other times you may wish to pray this prayer together, ending with the Lords' Prayer:

**Lord, teach us to pray with our bodies, minds, and spirits. Reveal your presence to us in silence and in speech, in community and in solitude. When we are unable to pray, give us your Holy Spirit to intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. Gather us into one by that Spirit, as we pray as Jesus taught us ...**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.**

## Bible Readings

*During this week read the passages listed below and discuss the questions listed after them.*

### READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 1:

Romans 8:18-27

Discuss: Talk about your family's prayer time. Are there mealtime prayers that are special? Are there ways you might try something new in your prayer time? Agree to try one new way of praying together this week. You might even explain to your family the concept of ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication – refer to your notes from class for an explanation of each term) and pattern your prayers in this fashion.

### READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 2:

Matthew 6:5-15

Discuss: Where is a place in the world right now that could really use your family's prayers? How might God be calling you to add action to you prayers in that situation? (Ideas might include: prayers for our country's leaders, prayers for our missionaries serving in far off countries, prayers of protection for our soldiers, etc.)

### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 3:**

Luke 15:11-32

Discuss: Look at some photos of family members who have died. What kind of faith did they model for your family? Talk to family members who remember them and ask: Did they ever talk about heaven? If they could offer wisdom to your family, what would they say? How could your family better teach others about the faith you inherited from your ancestors?

### **Memory Assignment (Optional)**

*Each day during the week read and discuss the assigned Bible verse and close your discussion time by praying the Lord's Prayer. By the end of the week the words will be memorized and the meaning known!*

Assigned for this week:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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### **Family Project Ideas**

*During this month, as a family, find one way to show your faith to someone else by helping them in a small, unexpected way. Some suggestions are:*

- Keep your eyes open for someone who is going to be alone for Thanksgiving. If possible, invite them to join you and your family for dinner. Or, if they are unable to join you, offer to bring them a plate and plan to stay a bit to share in conversation and friendship.
- Take time at your Thanksgiving gathering to ask everyone to write down one thing they are especially thankful for that day. Then take all the cards and incorporate them into a prayer for your family – thanking God for all the many blessings you share.
- The community of Marquette sponsors a homeless shelter during the colder months called “Room at the Inn.” Include in your family prayers petitions for those who are homeless in our community asking God to protect them and help them find shelter. Find one way to help with the homeless shelter project: pray for the workers, provide breakfast cereal, gather warm hats, scarves or gloves for distribution to those in need.

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### Week 2 Readings, Prayers and Discussion Questions

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## Prayer Time

*Begin by discussing the people and circumstances you wish to bring to God in prayer. Pray for those concerns as they arise. At other times you may wish to pray this prayer together:*

**Holy God, help us to know the light of your holiness that shines in our lives. Open our eyes to the simple things we can do each day for your children. Give us the courage to act in ways that we know reflect your message and love. Teach us to talk to one another about our need to trust you and call on your name. Be with us as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray ...**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.**

## Bible Readings

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### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 1:**

Matthew 18:21-34

Discuss: What causes you to hold a grudge against someone? How do you work through that situation to hopefully preserve a friendship? Do you ever get frustrated with the things about yourself you can't seem to forgive? Have you asked God to help?

### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 2:**

Luke 4:1-15

Discuss: Is temptation running rampant in your home? Acknowledging the "out of control" nature of our lives helps us stop and set some limits. Consider these "corrections" as ways to interrupt the cycle of temptations: turn off the television and/or video games for a week, and agree to eat at home every evening. Keep talking to one another during the process. It's not merely about deprivation; it's about the creativity and freedom that comes from it.

## **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 3:**

Psalm 3

Discuss: Do your prayers ever feel like cries for help? When you read Psalm 3 you can see that the writer had great distress in his life and he knew only one source of deliverance – God! Talk with your parents about struggles you are facing – or have faced – and how God saw you through the difficult times.

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Assigned for this week:

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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## Prayer Time

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**Holy God, we can only grasp a tiny part of who you are. Turn us, today and all days, toward the light of your glory. Help us to know the people around us as your people. Be with us as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray ...**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN.**

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### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 1:**

2 Chronicles 7:14

Discuss: Do a "web search" on your name – either first or last. Names oftentimes have special meaning. What does yours mean? Does the meaning of your name aptly describe who you are? Why did your parents choose that name for you? You are known by another name – the name "Christian". How does that name comfort and encourage you?

### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 2:**

Luke 17:20-21

Discuss: The next time you are in a crowded place full of strangers (such as an airport or a sporting event), remind another family member, "God's kingdom is certainly amazing, isn't it!" Think about it: every person in that mass of humanity is God's child. Talk about how knowing this will help you to look at people differently.

### **READING AND DISCUSSION TIME 3:**

Mark 14:32-36

Discuss: Name three activities that you love so much you lose track of time when you're doing them. How could doing what you love intersect with God's will for the world? Doing God's will is based on trusting God to love us and give us the strength we need to make the world a better place. How do we build trust with God? As a family, make a concerted effort to seek God's will for decisions that need to be made. Help each other remember this by asking the question, "What would it look like if we trusted God about this?"

### **Memory Assignment (Optional)**

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Assigned for this week:

Matthew 7:7

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.

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# Parent Report Form

## Session 3: The Lord's Prayer

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Assignments	Check as items are completed
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Readings	Romans 8:18-27	
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Memorization	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	
	The Lord's Prayer	
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	Mark 14:32-36	
Memorization	Matthew 7:7	
	The Lord's Prayer	
<b>Family Project Ideas</b>		
	Thanksgiving guests	
	Thanksgiving blessings	
	Caring for the homeless	
	Other: <i>(specify)</i>	
<p><i>Please give us some details of the project you did. It may give us ideas for others to become involved with in the future! Use the back of this form to tell us what you did and the impact it had on your family.</i></p>		

**LIFT Nights: November 28 & December 12**

**NEXT CLASS SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 8, 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Return this form at the next class session.**

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_