I. FIRST, LET’S CONSIDER A PLAN FOR PRAYER

A. Notice that the disciples didn’t ask Jesus for a prayer, but to teach them how to pray.

B. Notice too that Jesus didn’t give them a prayer to mindlessly repeat, but instead gave them a guideline for their own prayers.

1. Praise is one plan in prayer— “Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed by your Name”

2. Purpose is another plan in prayer— “Your kingdom come, your will be done”

3. Provision is another.
   a. Physical provision— “Give us this day our daily bread”.
   b. Spiritual provision— “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

4. Protection is the final plan in prayer— “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”

II. SECOND, LET’S CONSIDER THE PRINCIPLES FROM THIS PRAYER.

A. First, God is our Father and is no longer our Judge (“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name”)

1. We were once enemies of God because of our sin—Romans 5:10.

   Romans 5:10
   ....we were God’s enemies...

2. Now, though, we have become God’s friends because of what Jesus did for us on the cross—John 15:15.

   John 15:15
   I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends...

B. Second, this world isn’t what it’s supposed to be, but God is making a new one. (“Your kingdom come, Your will be done”).

1. In this fallen world there is suffering and hardship.

2. What Jesus did for us on the cross, however, will someday make all things new—Isaiah 65:17.

   Isaiah 65:17
“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth....

C. Third, God gives us everything we need (“Give us this day our daily bread and Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”).

D. Fourth, God gives us forgiveness even though we don’t deserve it (“Forgive us our debts”).
   1. We have done everything to deserve God’s wrath—Romans 1:18.

   **Romans 1:18**
   The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people...

   2. Jesus, however, gives us what we don’t deserve, God’s forgiveness—John 3:36.

E. Fifth, God has forgiven us and expects us to forgive others (“Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors”).
   1. God has forgiven us—1 John 1:9.

F. Sixth, life is hard and bad things happen, but God is faithful to bring us through it all (“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”).
   1. We face tough times in this life.
   2. God, however, is with us through it all—Hebrews 13:5.

   **Hebrews 13:5**
   “...God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”