

# FREEDOM NEWS

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION



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## Message from Pastor Derek Heldreth

Part 1 of 2

### *Lord Teach Us to Pray*

The disciples realized a connection between Jesus and the power He demonstrated. They watched Him go to the mountain to pray all night and then demonstrate miraculous healings and cast out demons. The disciples asked Him, "Teach Us to Pray". This was a teachable moment for the master teacher to impart to the students. Out of all the things the disciples could've asked for, they asked, "Teach us to pray". They had the realization there was something missing in their own lives that they saw in Jesus because he was the example that they follow. May we learn to be such an example of prayer that others will follow our example?

The Lord's Prayer is not to be recited repetitiously but to be looked at as an outline for your prayer life. This is a prayer to draw us near to our Father and it's a prayer so simple that anyone of any age can pray in this manner.

**Luke 11:1-4** And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.<sup>[2](#)</sup> And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.<sup>[3](#)</sup> Give us day by day our daily bread.<sup>[4](#)</sup> And forgive

us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

In verse one we see Jesus had a certain place. He prayed in different places; however, He had a place to pray: A closet, the garden of Gethsemane, in the wilderness or the Mount of Olives. The point is He put a premium on prayer and regardless of where He was at, he made it His practice to pray. And often times he prayed alone, in the mountain or in the wilderness. He set a private time with his heavenly Father. Time spent with Him alone is never a waste of time, it is always beneficial. And it's important for us to have our special time and place of prayer where you are in solitude and fellowship with Him.

In Verse two, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

Our Father, in the Greek Strong's 3962, *patér* means *father*; one who *imparts* life and is *committed* to it, a progenitor, bringing into being, to pass on *the potential for likeness*. He imparts life, from physical birth to the gift of eternal life through the *second* birth (regeneration, being born again). "Intimate connection and relationship".

When we think of a father, we think of one who provides for his children, sustains the family, meeting physical and spiritual needs, protection, and fellowship. Our Heavenly Father provides all these things plus forgiveness of sin that brings salvation, the power to conquer sin. And the power to forgive others. Above all, He brings us to a place of intimate fellowship.

This phrase, "Our Father which art in heaven" is to draw us closer to the Father. We can begin all our prayers with this phrase to draw close to him. Jesus is revealing the Father to his disciples, this is new to them they as had never thought of God as the Father. Jesus is revealing a new truth concerning their relationship with the Father. We need this Revelation in our lives, to see him as our Father which is made available through the new birth. **(To be Continued)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day -- Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
No Evening Service - Church Cookout at 6:00pm

The Gathering Women's Bible Study & Luncheon  
Saturday, June 3rd -- 12:00 noon to 2:30pm RSVP by June 1st

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