

The Lord's Prayer:
A Praying Christian

Matthew 6:5-9

Why should we pray?

Matthew 6:5; Matthew 7:7; Matthew 7:11; James 4:2; Matthew 6:6

Why don't we pray?

Isaiah 55:8-9

How should we pray?

Matthew 6:5-8

Prayer practices

John 15:7; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Considerations for the week

What is prayer? A duty? A discipline? Work? Opportunity? Peace? Tedious? Comfortable? Serene? A delight? Disturbing? Wonderful?

The Bible speaks of the availability of intimacy with God. Describe an intimate relationship with God. If it can be recognized in oneself or others, describe its characteristics.

Look at Colossians 1:9-14 and comment upon Paul's priorities in his prayer for the Colossians and for us.

How can the prayers of the Bible help us learn to pray? Some examples:

Aaron's blessing: Numbers 6:24-26

Desolation: Daniel 9:1-3 and following

Faith in crisis: 2 Chronicles 20:6-12

High priestly prayer: John 17:20-24

Hope: Romans 15:13

Strength: Ephesians 3:14-21

Consider the practices in prayer mentioned today: the Lord's Prayer; ACTS; praying scripture; *lectio divina* (divine reading); examination; ask & listen; chair time. Comment upon circumstances when each may be beneficial.

Ask the Spirit to let you know a specific prayer practice to focus upon this week. Choose now to set aside time to pray and seek His wisdom in your time alone with our God.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

– Martin Luther

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV



Scripture read today during worship:

Romans 8:1-4

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

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We're glad you came.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *The Heart of Worship*

Call to worship

Hymn 585 in the hymnal
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Hymn, *Hear Our Praises*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *In the Secret*

Hymn, *Knowing You*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Message

Hymn of response 441 in the hymnal
Take Time to Be Holy

Benediction

Postlude, *Come Christians Join to Sing*

Weekly Events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45 pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm. This week: chicken pot pie, green beans, corn on the cob, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Financial Peace (Dave Ramsey study), Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

VBS needs

shells, small rocks, sea glass

CCSC Volunteers needed

Help with registration for back-to-school.

May 7-10, 8:30 – 1:00

Contact Alma for info.

Magnificat House

Help with yard work. Saturday, May 11, 9 am

Contact Clint for details.

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online giving



Church ministry fair We'll have lunch and celebrate the work we are doing as a church in ministry. Sunday, May 19, after worship.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to Rumble. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.