

The Lord's Prayer:

Preparing for the Prayer

Matthew 6:1-8

We are tempted to make prayer a show.

[Matthew 6:5-6](#)

We are tempted to create a formula for prayer.

[Matthew 6:7](#); [Matthew 26:36-39](#)

A real relationship – God rewards and responds

[Matthew 6:6](#)

God changes history and hearts.

[Matthew 6:8](#)

Considerations for the week

Do not . . . pray . . . to be seen by others.

Sometimes people show off. Sometimes they intentionally do good deeds in front of others. Why? Give a few examples in real life or in literature/film of this and tell how each happened and how it turned out.

Your father knows what you need before you ask.

So, why should you ask at all?

What is done in secret

We are instructed to pray both alone and with others. Consider how your private prayers are like or unlike prayers offered in the presence of others (church, friends, spouse, etc.).

What is it about humans that makes us want praise and recognition? Consider our motivations to be seen when we do “good” and to hope desperately that our “bad” passes unnoticed.

We know that God is omniscient – that He knows and sees all – yet we pretend our sins have evaded His notice. How can we come to live in the reality of His omniscience?

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

Plan twenty minutes alone with Luke 11:1:

“Lord, teach us to pray”

Being consciously attentive to the Spirit, write down everything that comes to mind. Maybe set a timer where you can't see it. When it seems as though you've written all you can, keep at it and continue as you let your mind wander and your spirit interact with the Word.

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. – Matthew 6:6, ESV

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Scripture read today during worship:

[Hebrews 13:16](#)

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We're glad you came.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *More Love to Thee*

Call to worship

Hymn 267 in the hymnal
Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn, *Friend of God*

Hymn, *Graves into Gardens*

Offertory

Reading

Special music

How Beautiful (Your Songs of Praise)

Message

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Hymn, *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

Benediction

Postlude, *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

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 teriyaki, rice, veggies, salad, pineapple cake

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

VBS leader training

Saturday, May 18, 10 am
Breakfast will be served.

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org
The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

We will observe the **Lord's Supper** today in worship. The bread offered will be gluten-free.



VBS needs
shells, small
rocks, sea glass

Templegram Our weekly update and newsletter comes to us by email, usually on Tuesdays. If you'd like to receive it, please send an email (office@rtbchurch.org) to let us know.

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.