



Typically when we pray we ask God for what we want. But when Jesus teaches on prayer, he makes it about what God wants. Prayer isn't for the promotion of our kingdom; it is for the advancement of the kingdom of God. In this series we will consider how to ask God for the desires of His heart. It's all about praying for reign!

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1** Begin your group time by saying the Lord's Prayer together (**Matthew 6:9-13**). What part of the prayer has resonated with you the most during this series? Why?

**2** Right before Jesus taught his followers how to pray he had gone through an intense season of temptation from the evil one (**see Matthew 4:1-11**). Are you aware of certain situations or seasons that you face where it is harder to be a Christian? What are some ways God has **"delivered you from evil"** during those times?

**3 WE PRAY IN awareness of an enemy kingdom.** The Bible teaches that we have an enemy who is devoting time and investing energy in an effort to lead us into temptation. **Read 1 Peter 5:8 and Ephesians 6:10-12, 18.** How does being aware of our enemy and who he is prepare us to take our stand against his schemes?

**4 WE HANG IN with the help of the prayers of others.** It is significant that Jesus taught us to pray not as individuals but as a church. Every pronoun in the Lord's Prayer is plural, beginning with the first word. What is significant about that truth and how does it impact the way we pray and live? Note: take a look at **Philippians 1:19** and **2 Corinthians 1:10-11** as examples of the importance of praying for each other.

**5 WE TRUST IN the delivering power of God.**

We cannot experience victory over the enemy in our own strength. Thankfully, the enemy has no rightful claim on anyone who is in Christ Jesus (**see Colossians 2:15**). James reminds us to **"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you"** (**James 4:7**). What are some examples of things you can do to "submit" to God and to "resist" the devil?

**6 WE HOPE IN the day when only one kingdom will be standing.** The Bible doesn't say a lot about the enemy's origin, but it does say a lot about his destiny. **Read Revelation 11:15-17.** What comfort and encouragement do you find in these verses?

**7 "Reign in us as a witness that you will reign in all!"** God is inviting us to participate in this grand story of triumph. May our daily deliverance deliver a message of hope to the world. Is there any part of your life where you haven't invited God to reign? Close by inviting God to completely reign in us.

