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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

“When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you. “When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask.

Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don’t lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. “If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don’t forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.



Food for Thought



Helmut Thielicke preached to the church in Stuttgart in the declining days of Germany's "reign of terror." Screaming sirens, underground bomb shelters and fear surrounded his congregation. When Rev. Thielicke started a sermon series on this very text, his congregation was still worshipping in the Church of the Hospitallers. The series ended in a parish house. The venerable church had been bombed to the ground.

Yet for all this chaos and despair (as Thielicke wrote it), "the Lord's Prayer was able to contain it all. There was not a single question we could not have brought to it, and not one question that was not suddenly transformed if it were put in the form of a prayer." For a congregation desperate for "a valid comfort" able to stand up to a world where "the furies" had been unleashed, the gospel- contained in the Lord's Prayer- became that very comfort.

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In order to taste what Thielicke's congregation experienced about prayer and specifically the Lord's Prayer, we have to see the gospel running in and through and surrounding this text.

The text is all about a relationship with God grounded in grace over against religious activity grounded in self. Jesus' teaching on prayer is nestled in the larger teaching (Matthew 6:1-18) of how we practice righteousness. For centuries, rabbis argued the most essential faith practices were three—almsgiving, prayer and fasting. (Or we could say: faith in relation to others—almsgiving, faith in relation to God—prayer, and with self-mortification of flesh through fasting.) It's natural that Jesus, the great Rabbi, when he talks about piety, turns to these three.

-Lora Copley, *Jesus Teaches About Prayer*

Many of us who have been in church for a while have heard the Lord's prayer and may even have memorized it. We have learned the words, but leave out any emotions. We get so caught up in saying the right words on a Sunday that we forget why Jesus said the words in the first. Jesus did not intend these words to be the only prayer we prayed, but an example we follow.

These words are a guide given to us.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - How can you let this prayer of Jesus guide your prayer life?
 - What was God trying to teach his disciples in today's passage?
- Do
 - Write your own family pray for the week.
- Family Prayer



HANNAH'S PRAYER

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah said:

“The Lord has filled my heart with joy.

I feel very strong in the Lord.

I can laugh at my enemies.

I am glad because you have helped me!

“There is no one holy like the Lord.

There is no God but you.

There is no Rock like our God.

“Don't continue bragging.

Don't speak proud words.

The Lord is a God who knows everything.

He judges what people do.

“The bows of warriors break,

but weak people become strong.

Those who once had plenty of food now must work for
food.

But people who once were hungry now grow fat on
food.

The woman who was unable to have children now has
had seven.

But the woman who had many sons now is sad.

“The Lord causes people to die,

and he causes them to live.

He brings people down to where the dead are,
and he raises them to life again.

The Lord makes people poor,

and he makes people rich.
He makes people humble,
and he makes people great.

The Lord raises the poor up from the dust.
And he picks needy people up from the ashes.

He lets the poor sit with princes.

He lets them sit on a throne of honor.

“The foundations of the earth belong to the Lord.

The Lord set the world upon them.

He protects his holy people.

But those who do evil will be silenced in darkness.

Their power will not help them win.

The Lord destroys his enemies.

He will thunder in heaven against them.

The Lord will judge all the earth.

He will give power to his king.

He will make his appointed king strong.”



Food for Thought



There are two prayers which fell from the lips of Hannah. The first is described in chapter 1, of I Samuel. It was a prayer full of weeping, of confession and of tears.

It was following the birth of her son, and his weaning, that Hannah's second recorded prayer was given. The prayer was offered when the child was brought to the Temple and dedicated to God. With her gift made, and her son offered to God as a

willing sacrifice, Hannah could not stay her prayer,
nor her song.

Sometimes we vainly imagine that joy comes through selfishness, from holding back from God our most cherished possessions; such is never the case. Joy comes when all is placed upon the altar.

- **Wells of Living Water Commentary, *Faith as Exemplified in Hannah***

In her sorrow and joy Hannah prays to God. In 1 Samuel, she cries out to God in her distress and sorrow, but when God delivers Hannah prays out in joy. Hannah's prayer is a reflection on the power and presences of God. Our prayers don't always have to be asking God for something. Sometimes they can be a reflection on our lives and the world around us.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - How has God been present in your life?
 - How can you praise God even amidst hardship?
- Do
 - Create and Decorate your own prayer journal.
- Pray



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SOLOMON'S PRAYER

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon showed that he loved the Lord. He did this by following the commands his father David had given him. But Solomon still used the many places of worship to offer sacrifices and to burn incense. King Solomon went to Gibeon to offer a sacrifice. He went there because it was the most important place of worship. He offered 1,000 burnt offerings on that altar. While he was at Gibeon, the Lord came to him in a dream during the night. God said, "Ask for anything you want. I will give it to you." Solomon answered, "You were very kind to your servant, my father David. He obeyed you. He was honest and lived right. And you showed great kindness to him when you allowed his son to be king after him. Lord my God, you have allowed me to be king in my father's place. But I am like a little child. I do not have the wisdom I need to do what I must do. I, your servant, am here among your chosen people. There are too many of them to count. So I ask that you give me wisdom. Then I can rule the people in the right way. Then I will know the difference between right and wrong. Without wisdom, it is impossible to rule this great people of yours." The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked him for this.

So God said to him, “You did not ask for a long life. And you did not ask for riches for yourself. You did not ask for the death of your enemies. Since you asked for wisdom to make the right decisions, I will give you what you asked. I will give you wisdom and understanding. Your wisdom will be greater than anyone has had in the past. And there will never be anyone in the future like you. Also, I will give you what you did not ask for. You will have riches and honor. During your life no other king will be as great as you. ¹⁴ I ask you to follow me and obey my laws and commands. Do this as your father David did. If you do, I will also give you a long life.”



Food for Thought



God’s response to Solomon’s request is a testament to His favor and generosity. Not only does God grant Solomon wisdom beyond measure, but He also bestows upon him wealth and honor. This highlights God’s willingness to bless those who seek righteousness and prioritize the well-being of others. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of seeking divine guidance in leadership roles and making decisions that align with God’s will. Solomon’s story sets an example for us to prioritize wisdom and seek God’s guidance in all aspects of our lives.

The relevance of Solomon's request for wisdom extends to contemporary times, where individuals grapple with multifaceted decisions and ethical dilemmas. The pursuit of wisdom from God remains as crucial today as it was for Solomon, guiding us in personal choices, professional endeavors, and community leadership. Just as Solomon sought divine wisdom for governance, we are encouraged to seek God's guidance in our daily lives, trusting in His infinite wisdom to illuminate our paths.

~Rev. Michael Johnson, *What does 1 Kings 3:3-14 really mean?*

God is the giver of all wisdom. It is through God that we can determine right from wrong, but we have to choose to rely on God's wisdom and not our own. It can be hard to give control to God and not keep that control for ourselves. However, when we live into God's wisdom and movement, we will also experience the abundance and joy of life with God.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - What makes giving control to God hard?
 - What is one step you or your family could take today to give up control to God?
- Do
 - Play "Simon Says," as a family and take turns being Simon.

• Pray

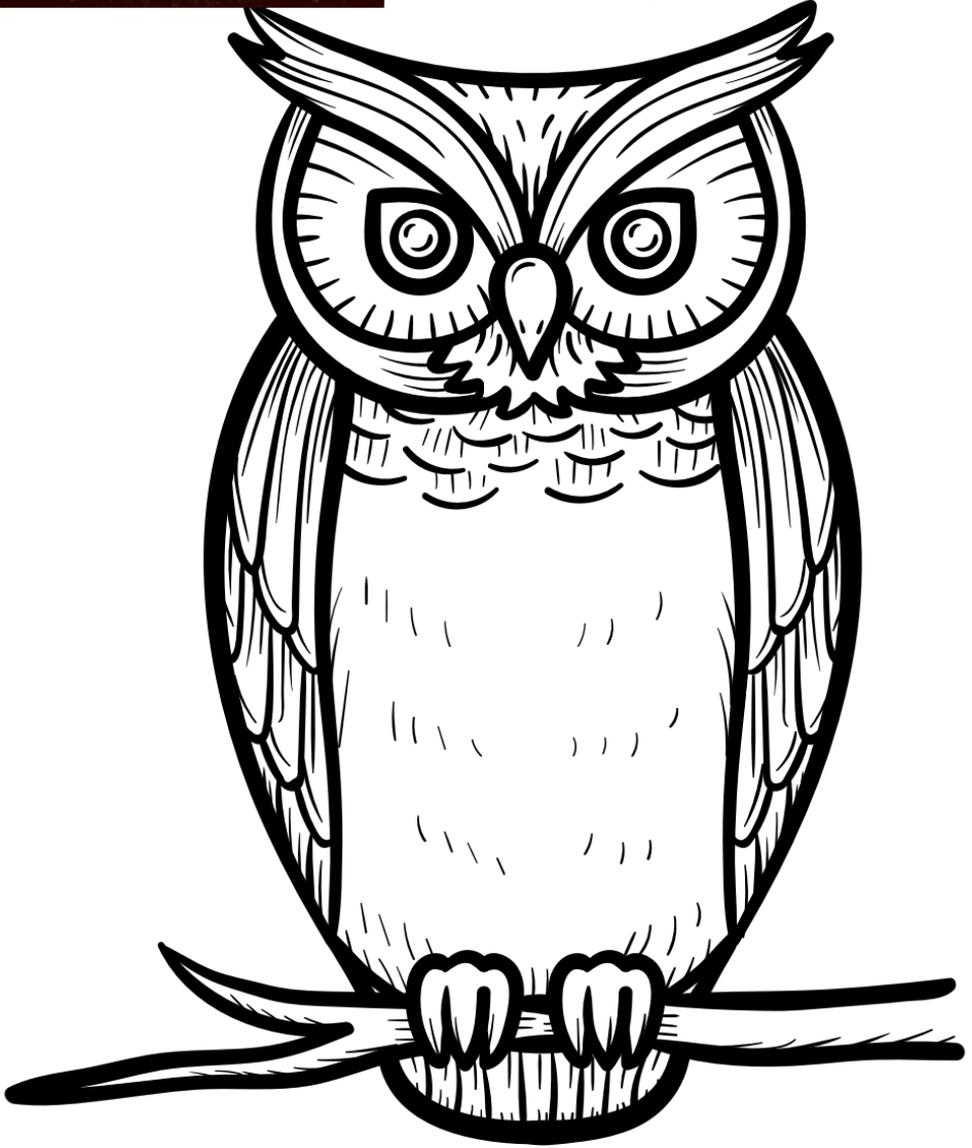
PRAYER FOR WISDOM & DISCERNMENT

Father, I need wisdom that only your Spirit can give me. Help me to not lean solely on my own opinions, thoughts, or dreams. I need godly (not earthly) wisdom, Lord. Please supply me in knowledge and truth as I battle these tough decisions and uncertainty.

Father, open my eyes to the barriers holding me back from spiritual progress and help me to walk confidently as I discern the next steps I need to take in my life.

In Christ's name I ask,
Amen

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PRAYER OF THE BELIEVERS

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.



Food for Thought



When temple leaders released Peter and John, they returned to their friends. They told them what had happened. These were other believers, not their families.

The threats from the temple leaders did not discourage them. Instead, the threats emboldened them. Once Peter and John said what happened, the group went straight to prayer.

This passage teaches us what we are to do when threatened. The disciples did not laugh at the danger. They did not make light of the danger. The danger was very real. They went to prayer.

They did not pray for the courage to battle the danger. And neither did they ask for God to remove the danger. Instead, they prayed for the ability to continue to preach God's word with boldness.

Notice how their prayer started. It started by acknowledging God's sovereignty. It is God who made all things. God has all power. He controls all things. Men may rage against the Lord, but they do so in vain.

~JD Stewart, Acts

In Matthew 16:24 Jesus tell his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus never promises us an easy life here on Earth. To carry the

cross is not an easy burden. However, Jesus does promise that if we follow him our reward will be eternal. “The last shall be first,” Paul and Peter had been preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus, and they were arrested for it. Yet they did not let that stop them. Peter and Paul knew the eternal implications of the news they carried, and so in the face of distrust, hate, and death they continued to share the Good News. God calls us to be disciples, to drop everything that we hold dear, to pick up our cross, and to follow him.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - What are some of the truths that the first Christians prayed about God’s attributes, abilities, and actions after Peter and John reported their experiences to them?
 - What did God do in answer to their prayer?
 - Read Acts 4:29-30 again. Can you pray that prayer today? Why or Why not?
- Do
 - Trace your hands on a piece of paper. In each of your fingers write an attribute of God.

Acts 4: 23-31 Boldness for Believers

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A PRAYER OF DAVID

Scripture: Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd.

I have everything I need.

He gives me rest in green pastures.

He leads me to calm water.

He gives me new strength.

For the good of his name,
he leads me on paths that are right.

Even if I walk

through a very dark valley,

I will not be afraid

because you are with me.

Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

You prepare a meal for me
in front of my enemies.

You pour oil of blessing on my head.^[a]

You give me more than I can hold.

Surely your goodness and love will be with me
all my life.

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.



Food for Thought



To call God a shepherd is to acknowledge His sovereignty over their lives and submit to His will. It's evident in this verse how David recognizes God's lordship over his Christian life. David could say God is "my" shepherd because of his personal experience.

God wasn't just a shepherd to others in a theoretical sense, but He was David's shepherd.

"A sheep is an object of property, not a wild animal; its owner sets great store by it, and frequently it is bought with a great price.

It is well to know, as certainly as David did, that we belong to the Lord. There is a noble tone of confidence about this sentence. There is no 'if' nor 'but,' nor even 'I hope so;' but he says, 'The Lord is my shepherd.'" (Charles Spurgeon)

It's interesting to note how David used the word shepherd in this psalm instead of a more distant term like a king or a deliverer.

David knew the uniqueness and intimacy of this metaphor. As someone who worked as a shepherd before, David knew that shepherds live with their flock and are everything to it: guide, protector, and source of provision.

“I shall not want” can translate to “I have no lack.” It implies that the Lord is the only thing needed in life and that God’s shepherding care provides all of our necessities.

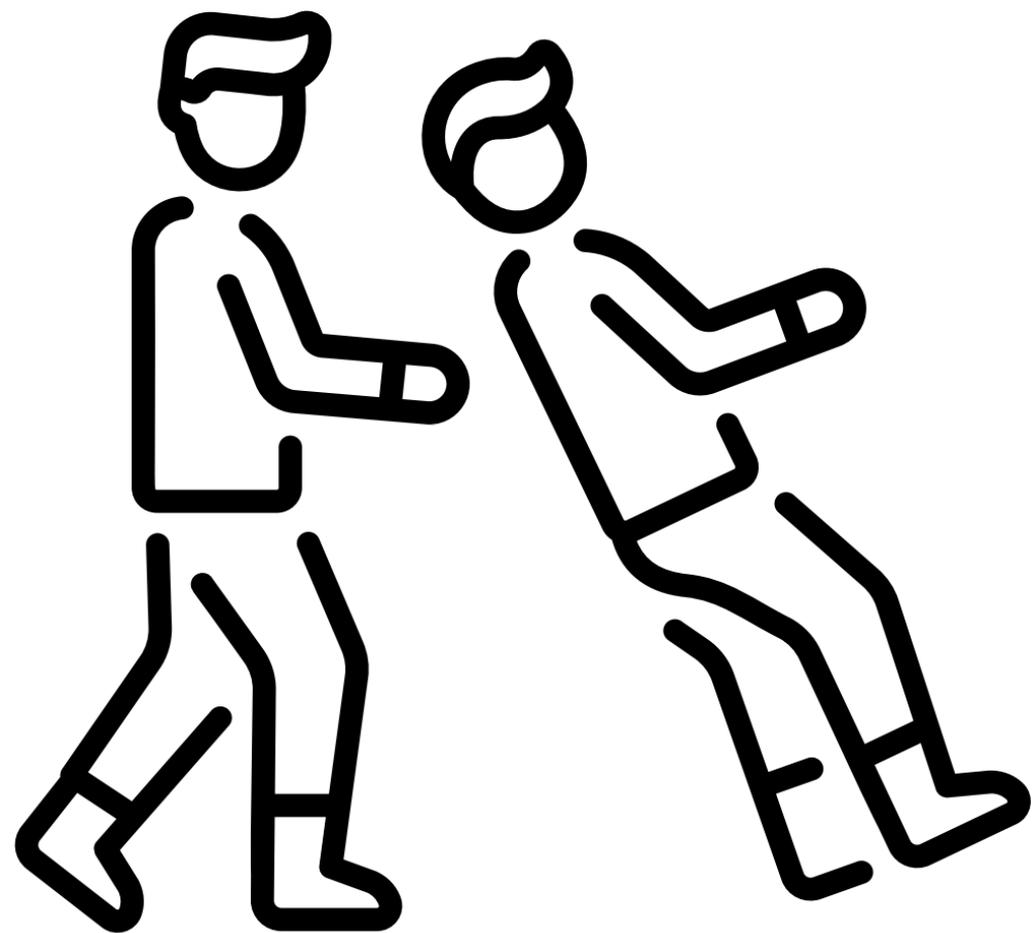
- Faith Giant, *Psalm 23 Commentary: The Lord is My Shepherd*

This is a prayer of comfort, peace, and trust in God. This Psalm is believed to have been written later in David’s life. His prayer is a reflection on the ways in which God has been present in and through his life.

Faith In Action

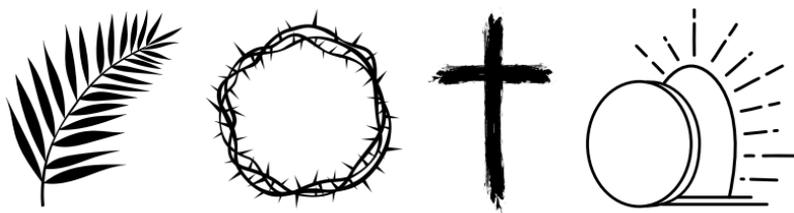
- Discuss:
 - Where have you experienced God’s leading?
 - How has God comforted you?
 - How can you find hope in God?
 - Where is hope present in our community?
- Do
 - Pick a worship song to listen to as a family. Reflect on what aspects of God it highlights and how the song makes you feel.
- Pray





TRUST

HOLY WEEK



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

PRAYERS OF JESUS

Thanksgiving

Scripture: John 11:41-44

So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me. But I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me." After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth, and he had a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take the cloth off of him and let him go."



Food for Thought



Speaking audibly to God in the hearing of the crowd - having His gaze fixed upward toward heaven - our Lord commences His prayer prior to the working of His mightiest miracle. There was certain unity with His Father in all that He did and in all that He taught. Jesus' gesture of looking toward heaven is significant indeed - He looks above the difficulty straight to the Solution - demonstrating to us the proper focus of our soul in prayer.

He looked up. What is prayer, but the ascent of the soul to God, and the directing of its affections and motions toward heaven?"

Matthew Henry

I am first reminded - and perhaps a bit convicted - by these verses of the great importance of cultivating a sincere and passionate attitude of gratitude in my life. Through Jesus' perfect example of believing prayer, we see that He begins with the simple act of thanksgiving. I am reminded of Paul's exhorting words in Philippians:

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil 4:6 (NIV)

"Cultivating a grateful heart is not just an add-on nicety, a civil tip of the hat to God as we steamroll through our day. A posture of purposeful, perpetual thanks to God is absolutely central to Christian character. It gives glory to Him. It is the key defense against Satan's temptations to despair, distrust, dysfunction. It protects us from sin and self. It is the hallmark of heaven. It does not exist in hell"... "Hot gratitude melts our hard pride. It is the means of remaining in Christ." Ellen Vaughn

~Sharing Bread, John 11:41-42

In this passage Jesus prayed in order that the community around him would know his faith and know the communion that he had with God. Faith is not something that we do just in the privacy of our homes, nor is it just for Sunday mornings. Our faith requires us to be in relationship with God and with others, and sometimes that faith pushes us into public action.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - How can you share your faith with your community and family?
 - How is God calling you to act this week?
- Do
 - Grab a paper plate and some construction paper. Cut eye holes out of the paper plate and decorate the plate with strips of construction paper. You now have a Lazarus face mask! Use this as a reminder of the ways God can work through you.

- Pray

A Prayer for Courage & Peace

God of love,
slow our racing hearts and steady our
spirits.

Help us breathe deeply of your grace
and exhale courage into a world that
needs it.

Center us in your peace,
move us toward your justice,
and shape us into people who reflect
your hope in all we do.

Amen.



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PRAYERS OF JESUS

Not My Will but Thine

Scripture: Luke 22:39-44

Jesus left the city and went to the Mount of Olives. His followers went with him. (Jesus went there often.) He said to his followers, “Pray for strength against temptation.” Then Jesus went about a stone’s throw away from them. He kneeled down and prayed, “Father, if it is what you want, then let me not have this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him to help him. Jesus was full of pain; he prayed even more. Sweat dripped from his face as if he were bleeding.



Food for Thought



When we face challenging moments, we may find ourselves overwhelmed, just as Jesus was.

The importance lies in our response. Are we willing to turn to God in prayer? Do we see our pain in the context of a greater purpose? Jesus faced the ultimate test of loyalty to God’s will, and in doing so, he models for us the way to approach our own struggles.

We should come before God with open hearts and worship. Prayer provides clarity, calms anxieties, and ultimately allows us to align ourselves with God's will.

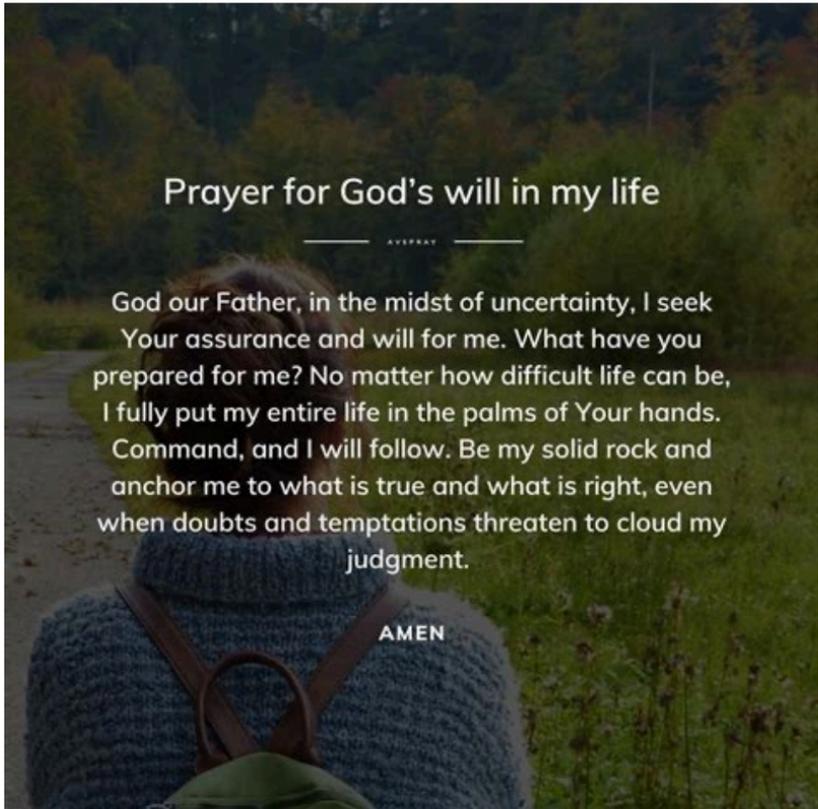
Furthermore, this moment in the Garden of Gethsemane serves as a reminder that Jesus was not only divine but also fully human. He felt fear, sorrow, and anguish, bringing comfort to all of us who encounter our own trials. In his humanity, he teaches us that it is perfectly natural to seek refuge in prayer, especially when we are faced with uncertainty or sorrow. As he prepared for the crucifixion, he honored his humanity while maintaining unwavering faith in God's plan, a lesson we can all learn from.

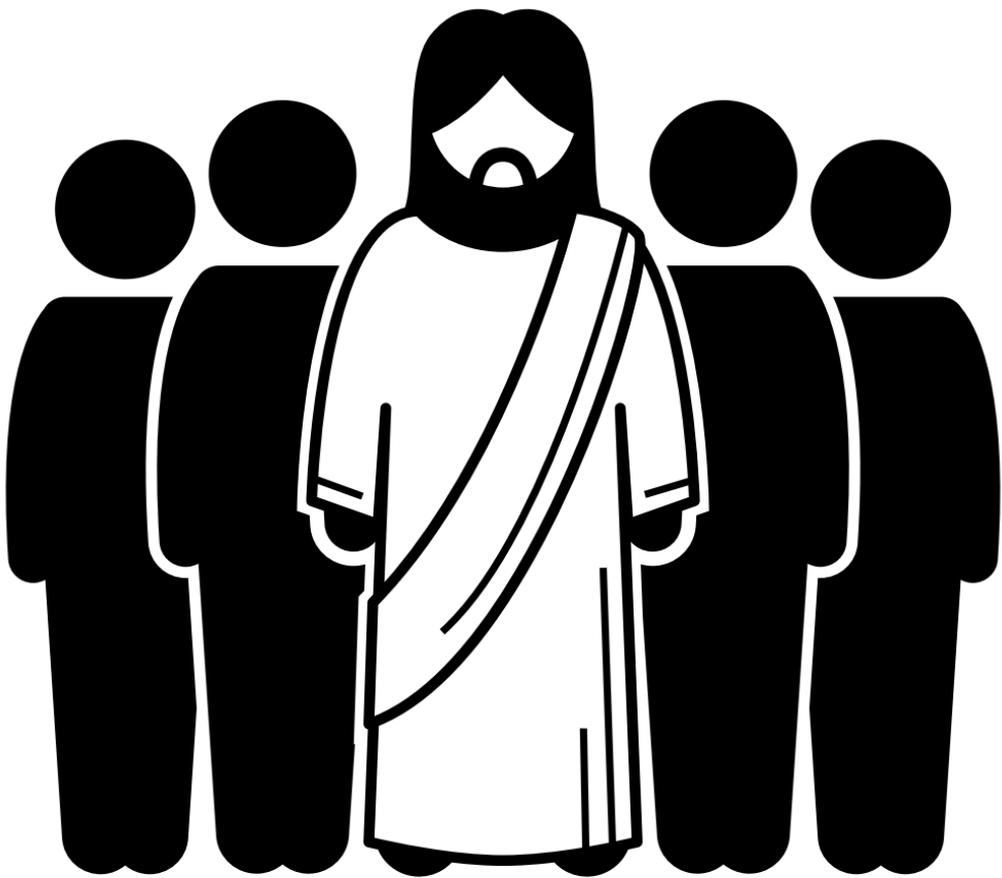
-Jamie Wilson, *Luke 22:39 Meaning and Commentary*

Jesus is our example of what it looks like to live a life that is in line with the movement of God. When the violence of a broken and sinful world surround Jesus he prayed. Before acting or doing anything Jesus set time aside to pray. When our lives feel like they are falling apart. When the world feels like it might end. What do you do? Do you act without thinking? Or do you stop and pray first?

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - What do you need to pray to God about?
 - What in your life feels uncertain and out of control?
How can you trust God and give control back to God?
- Do
 - Retell the scripture in your own words or put on a dramatic reenactment of the scripture story.
- Pray





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PRAYERS OF JESUS

Father Forgive Them

Scripture: Luke 23:32-34

There were also two criminals led out with Jesus to be killed. Jesus and the two criminals were taken to a place called the Skull. There the soldiers nailed Jesus to his cross. They also nailed the criminals to their crosses, one beside Jesus on the right and the other beside Jesus on the left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

The soldiers threw lots to decide who would get his clothes.



Food for Thought



The scene around the cross is crass and unfeeling. The soldiers are part of an execution detail, bored with crucifixion. Perhaps this team will have conducted several crucifixions this week already. The first time they saw a crucifixion they may have been moved by its brutality, but now they are calloused, emotionless.

First, the soldiers begin with the cruel process of nailing the criminal to a cross, then hoisting him up, the cross swaying forward, then back until it is secured with wedges at the bottom to hold it upright in the hole. And when that task is done, they sit around the base waiting for the criminal to die -- sometimes for days. To pass the time they gamble, deciding by a casting of lots who will be awarded the victim's last possessions. That is the scene.

But in the midst of it comes an astounding, powerful word from the "criminal" on the center cross:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

An Unselfish Prayer

Stop reading silently for a moment and speak this sentence out loud and listen to yourself as you say the words:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

What is Jesus saying? In his last hour, Jesus is saying a prayer, a request to God Almighty. It is remarkable, however, that Jesus isn't asking for himself! I would be terrified and overwhelmed, trying desperately to retain my composure. My prayer would probably be: "God help me!" if I could utter any sounds at all.

But Jesus' prayer is one of complete unselfishness.

He is concerned for the people who are responsible for crucifying him and is asking God to forgive them. Instead of thinking of himself and his own needs, he is thinking of those whose souls are in much greater peril than his own. The first thing I learn from this word is love. At his last extremity, Jesus loves.

-Dr. Ralph F. Wilson, *Father, Forgive Them (Luke 23:34)*

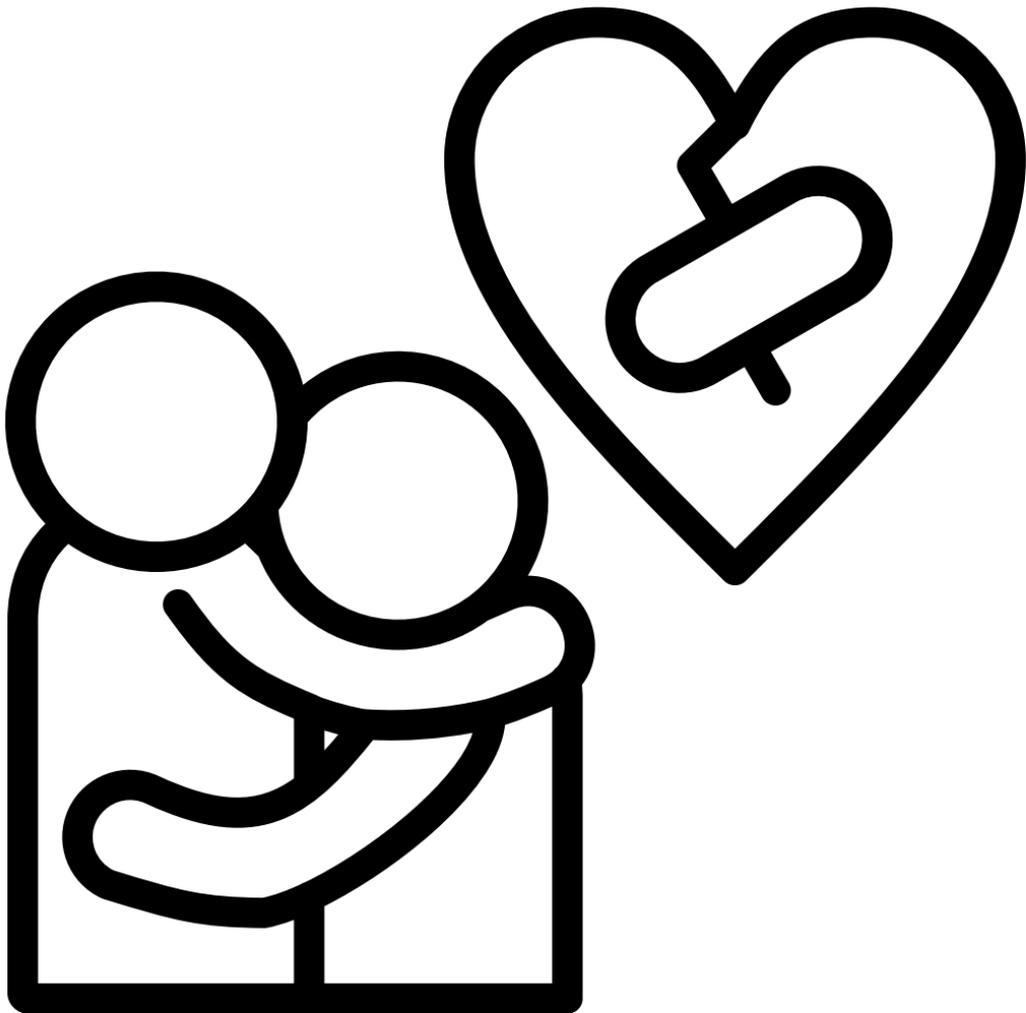
Jesus' words on the cross are for the forgiveness of those who nailed him there. It is easy to separate ourselves from this moment. After all, I wasn't physically responsible for nailing Jesus to the cross. I wasn't there shout for the release of Barabas and the death of Jesus. And yet it is because of my sin that Jesus was nailed to the cross. In the moment where Jesus is entering into the full reality of our sins, he cries out for our forgiveness. We have to put ourselves in the story. It is the violence of our own sins that lead Jesus to the cross, and yet he cries out for our forgiveness. Jesus experiences and sees the worst in humanity and yet he cries out for our forgiveness. If Jesus can forgive me for nailing him to the cross, how much more should I offer forgiveness to my neighbor, who has only mildly offended me?

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - Who do you need to forgive today? Your self? Your neighbor? Your coworker? Your children? Your parents?
 - God's love extends to us, even before we notice it. How can you extend to love of God to others through your words, your deeds, and your actions?
- Do
 - Make a list of the people you need to forgive (yourself included). Everyday pray to God and read that list. Ask God to help you forgive them.
- Pray



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PRAYERS OF JESUS

Take Action

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

The 11 followers went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him. But some of them did not believe that it was really Jesus. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world.”



Food for Thought



Jesus' parting words are commonly referred to as the Great Commission. We typically hear it during mission days at church, mission conferences, or when missionaries come to town with their slide shows, presentations and the like. But it is more than that; the reference of the text is much broader.

The text frames the basis for the communal identity and life together for the movement that will become the church. Four elements emerge that draw our attention.

There are four “alls” in this text: Jesus has all authority given to him, we are to make disciples of all nations, we are to teach that we should obey all that he commanded during his earthly life, and the promise that closes is that he will be with us always. These four “alls” capture much of what the paragraph intends to communicate and also the central message of the Gospel of Matthew.

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The text moves us from the disciples’ insecurity and lack of understanding to focus us on the exalted Lord, who as the leader of the movement defines reality. The commission is for all who are part of the people of God and incorporates the task of making disciples with teaching and baptizing as the movement expands around the world. The church is at its core to be living out the teachings of Jesus as a witness within their world. And perhaps most profoundly of all, Jesus promises that his presence will be with his people until the final culmination of the ages.

-Richard Beaton, *Commentary on Matthew 28:16-20*

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus last command is to go, to make, to baptize, to teach. Often times when we think of the passage we think of missionaries going into foreign lands and telling the people about Jesus and then leaving. Yet Jesus call is not just to go, but to teach. Going doesn't mean that it is a far off land. Going doesn't require that you learn a new language. There are people in your own backyard that don't know the love of God. You are called to go to those people, your neighbors, but not just to go. Teaching someone means that you are in it for the long haul. Teaching someone to be in the word of God takes time, patience, and dedication.

Faith In Action

- Discuss:
 - How can you share Jesus through your words, deeds, and actions?
- Do
 - Make a list of your immediate neighbors. Do one small act of kindness for each of them.
- Pray

Dear God, I pray to you to help me take action in my life. I need to do something, but I am not sure exactly what it is. I'm tired of just sitting around letting things happen to me. I want to be the one to make something happen.

I want to take action so I have some sense of control over my life.

I pray this prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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Next Step
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