

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) – Ethan's sister Sienna's stem cells have officially engrafted in Ethan's bone marrow and have started making new healthy cells! Ethan has now been in the hospital for over a month and on steroids for several weeks. Please pray for Ethan's spirits to stay up, and for infections to go away and stay away.

Daniel Miller, Rosalie Strong, Andrea Walls, and Noreen Santa-Luce – at Dominican this past week . Pray for their recovery.

Rick Grewohl – pray for his recovery from rotator cuff surgery on 9/2. Pray for healing without complication and that medication will be effective in controlling the pain.

Larry Stalling – is at Valley Medical Burn Ctr due to severe burns on his feet. He had a 2nd surgery on 9/8. Pray for wisdom for the family as they make decisions regarding long term care.

HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD

Eileen Larson, mother-in-law of Diana Larson – is now in the presence of the Lord. Remember the family in prayer as they grieve her loss and plan for her memorial service on September 20th in Sacramento.

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GriefShare – began 9/8, a support group for those who have lost a loved one. Pray that the facilitators can rely on the Holy Spirit's leading and that the attenders can move forward in their grief experiencing God's strength and comfort.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



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MYTHS AND TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

TWO MYTHS THAT WILL POISON YOUR PRAYER LIFE:

MYTH #1: Prayer is about _____

“And when you pray, do not be like the **hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners **to be seen by others**. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, **go into your room, close the door** and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:5-6 NIV

MYTH #2: Prayer is about _____

“And when you pray, do not keep on **babbling** like pagans, for they think they will be heard **because of their many words**.” Matthew 6:7

TRUTH: Prayer is about _____

“Do not be like them, for your Father **knows what you need before you ask him**.” Matthew 6:8

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

“This, then, is how you should pray:” Matthew 6:9a

1. _____

“**Our Father** in heaven,
hallowed be your name.” Matthew 6:9b

“Think about who God is until your heart is dazzled.”
-Tim Keller

2. _____

“Your kingdom come, **your will be done**,
on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

3. _____

“Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:11,12

Father, make me the type of person who walks
through each day...
Awestruck by you
Assured you have a plan for this world
Yielded to your will
Confident you'll provide
Certain I'm forgiven
Always forgiving when I am hurt
Always turning to you when tempted or threatened

Resources used in preparation of this message

Tim Keller, *Jesus' Prayer for All Time*, sermon from
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York

Andy Stanley, *Permission to Speak Freely pt. 1 & 2*, sermon at
North Point Church, Atlanta

COMING IN TWO WEEKS:
PREVIEW WEEKEND!

ACTS
ODYSSEY

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:9-13

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Look back over this week's notes. What impacted you? Why? All this week, let's pray the Lord's Prayer—not as a magic formula, but as a pattern inspiring your reorientation, worship, and devotion. Read Matthew 6:9-13. Start with the ADORE section. Throughout the next 24 hours, simply pray, “*Thank you, Father*” as you look around you at the many blessings He gives.

TUESDAY Pray the Lord's prayer again. Let's continue ADORING God. Look for ways to say, “Wow!” Look at the world around you, at answers to prayer, at the beauty of nature, at the miracle of birth. Go to your Father several times in short prayer and just say, “*Father, I love you. Thank you for your love for me.*” Ask Him to help you remember that He is a patient, loving, wise, powerful father. Ask Him to help you replace any experience of a weak or absent human father with the truth about God as your Heavenly Father.

WEDNESDAY Read over the Lord's prayer again, and say to him: “*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*” Tell him that you want your agenda to align with his agenda. Ask him to help you “resign as general manager of the universe”!

THURSDAY Today focus on the request section in Matthew 6:11-13. “*Give us this day our daily bread.*” What needs do you have right now to bring to your Father? Simply tell him and pray, “*Father, help me.*” Maybe you have a need for actual bread. Or maybe for rest, or strength, or courage. Trust your Father to provide. Bring your anxieties to Him in child-like trust.

FRIDAY As you pray the Lord's prayer again, focus on “*Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*” Again, we'll focus on this section in the weekend messages, but for now, say to your Father, “*Forgive me, and help me to forgive!*” Thank Him for his lavish and complete forgiveness. Let go of your guilt and your grudges.

SATURDAY Read over the memory verse again. Ask your Father to bless the services this weekend and our coming Acts series. As you pray the Lord's prayer again, remind yourself of His kingdom, power, and glory!