

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Connie Drummond corrective eye surgery 8/29

Dante Calcagno (age 16) Valley Med, mountain biking accident

Dudley Josselyn out of ICU, rest needed for recovery

Gavin Jack (age 18) sustained ventricular tachycardia, awaiting a heart transplant

Jerald Rhodes foot removed 7/26, infection complications

Ken Kirby kidney & heart issues

RECENT SURGERIES OR HOSPITALIZATIONS

Mark Farmer, Walter Levicki

HOSPICE CARE

Glorie Jan Juvan (age 15, cancer), **Elizabeth Harrell, Elaine Hedges**

HOME WITH THE LORD

Our love and prayer are extended to **Stuart Plett** in the loss of his precious mother, **Viola Plett**, and dearly loved grandmother of **Kaitlyn Plett**.

A celebration of Viola's life will be held at Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Baskin Ave., San Jose, September 3 at 4pm.

One of our precious shut-ins, **Elaine Butler**, is now re-united in heaven with her husband, Harry, who passed away a few years ago. Services will be September 4, 11am at Oakwood Cemetery Chapel on Paul Sweet Road with a reception following.

PRAY

HOW DO I PRAY? // MATTHEW 6:5-10

WEEK 1 // AUGUST 24 & 25 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

WHAT DOES JESUS TEACH ABOUT HOW TO PRAY?

DON'T MAKE IT A _____

When you pray, don't be like the **hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on street corners **to be seen by others...** Matt. 6:5a NIV

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. Matt. 6:6

DON'T MAKE IT A _____

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

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

IT'S A _____

"This, then, is how you should pray..." Matt. 6:9a



This week's memory verse

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name."

Matt. 6:9b



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1. REMEMBER _____

“...Our Father...” Matt. 6:9b

In Old Testament, God is referred to as Father of *nation* _____ times

In Gospels, Jesus speaks of and prays to God as *personal* Father _____ times

2. REMEMBER _____

“...in heaven...” Matt. 6:9c

3. REMEMBER _____

“hallowed be your name...”

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

PRAYER IS NOT ABOUT _____

PRAYER IS ABOUT _____

BOTTOM LINE

DON'T TRY TO _____

_____ YOUR LOVING FATHER

Next week: The life-changing conclusion of the Lord's Prayer!

Sources used in the preparation of this message include books and sermons from Mark Driscoll, Tim Keller, Rick Warren, Philip Yancey, Ray Johnston and others.

RESPONSE TIME

MEDITATION ON GOD AS MY FATHER

Take time to slowly read and meditate on these verses. Pray, “Thank you Father, for being my Father! Let me comprehend it more.”

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 NLT

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” Romans 8:15 NLT

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ... Romans 8:17a NIV

TWIN LAKES CHURCH PRAYER WALK

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY

Look back over this week's message notes. What really impacted you? Why? All this week, let's pray the Lord's Prayer—not as a magic formula, but as a pattern inspiring your reflection, worship, and devotion. Read Matthew 6:9-13. 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. Today 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 meditation verses, and look for ways to say to your Father, “Wow!” Look at the world around you, at answers to prayer, at the beauty of nature, at the miracle of birth. This is a way to remind yourself of His power. That same power is at work in you!

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Today as you pray the Lord's prayer again, focus on the section “*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 meditation verses again. Please ask your Father to bless the services this weekend. As you pray the Lord's prayer again, remind yourself of His kingdom, power, and glory!