

The Lord's Prayer
Luke 11:1-13
Key Verse: 11:2

"He said to them, 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come."'"

1. Read verse 1. Why was prayer important to Jesus? What request did one disciple make of Jesus? Why were they suddenly interested in prayer? What did Jesus teach them? (Memorize verses 2-4.)
2. Read verse 2. What did it mean to Jesus to call God "Father"? What does it mean to you? (Ro 8:15; Jn 20:17) What does it mean to hallow God's name? (Jn 17:1,4) How do people dishonor God's name? (Ro 2:24)
3. What does it mean to pray, "your kingdom come"? (See footnote, Lk 17:21.) How is this prayer topic related to Jesus' ministry? To the disciples' mission?
4. Why pray for "daily" bread? (Ex 16:14-21) Why "our"? Why is forgiveness so necessary? Why pray for forgiveness every day? How can we forgive others? (Mt 18:21-35) Why do we need to pray about temptation? (1Pe 5:8)
5. Read verses 5-8. What is the main point of this parable? Read verses 9-10. How do these verses reinforce the lesson of the parable? What must we learn from this practically?
6. Read verses 11-13. In what respect are all fathers alike? How much more is our loving heavenly Father likely to give us the best gifts? What is the best gift?