



Ministry at Home



Family Devotional for Wednesday, May 13th

Note for Parents: You are doing an awesome job!!! There's obviously a lot of things that could be fighting for your attention and the attention of your family, but it says a lot about you and your dedication to being a Godly parent that you are taking time to do this quick study with your family. This is where ministry really happens! Thank you from everyone here at Robinson Ave.

Instructions: Pray together to start. Tonight's scripture comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Read it as a family section by section. I have provided an outline, brief thoughts, and discussion questions below. Answer the question(s) with each portion of scripture. Questions are underlined.

As you finish each section of scripture, have each family member write down their own prayer using Jesus' words as a guide. For example Jesus prayed "Our Father in heaven" so you might write "God, you are my closest friend and the most loving person in my life."

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father in heaven" – Jesus begins by acknowledging the special relationship that we have with God and His father-like role in our lives. Describe who God is to you and the relationship you have with him.

"Hallowed be your name" – Jesus says that God is "holy" which literally means "set apart." In other words, God is on a whole different level compared to us. In your own words, what makes God so great and holy?

"Your kingdom come" – Jesus prays for God to bring his kingdom right here on Earth. What do you think God's kingdom looks like? Describe what it would look like and pray for it to come.

"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" – Jesus wants God to get what he wants. This means that we must submit to God's plan which may be different than what we want. What do you think God's will is for you and for this world? Is that something you're ready to see happen?

"Give us today, our daily bread" – Jesus doesn't pray about tomorrow. He prays for God to take care of him at that moment. By doing that he points out our dependence on God for our daily needs that we tend to take for granted. What needs do you have right now?

"Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors" – Jesus tells us to ask God to forgive our sins. The kicker is that we are not deserving of God's forgiveness if we can't forgive people who have wronged us. Has anyone wronged you that you need to forgive? What do you need forgiveness for?

"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one" – Jesus prays for God's protection and guidance so he will not encounter temptations that would overpower him. Are there temptations you are dealing with or ways that Satan is getting to you that you need God's protection and guidance for?