



Weekly Family Worship

November 20, 2016

Know: Prayer is an amazing God-given privilege that we should exercise often.

Think: God hears our prayers.

Do: Follow the biblical guidelines for prayer and make it a priority in Christian living.

Read— **Matthew 7:7-11; 21:22; John 14:13-14; Romans 8:26-27; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 6:18; 1 John 3:21-22; Jude 1:20.** In one sense, prayer is simple, yet it can seem complex. Prayer is easy enough for a child, but it can be exceedingly difficult at times. Prayer is mysterious and otherworldly, but it is also concrete and down-to-earth. God invites us to come to Him in prayer.

Worship — Praise to God.

Our Father— Hillsong Worship

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

Do—Walk With God

Option 1: Prayer is an important part of a relationship with God. It is how we talk to Him. Use the acronym ACTS (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supply) to help you and your child pray in a more balanced way. Your conversations with God should have all these elements—times when you tell God how wonderful and mighty He is and a way you saw that in action; times when you tell Him about sin you are struggling with; times when you thank Him for blessing you or teaching you something in some way; and times when you ask Him to supply you with what you need to be more like Him, or to meet a need you see. Have a discussion about what God's glory is, and remind your child that prayer should always be about bringing God glory.

Option 2: Use these questions to get your family talking about prayer.

- What is the craziest thing you have ever asked God to do for you? (Give you answers to a test for which you had not studied; make a particular person fall in love with you; enable you to win a game, contest, or sweepstakes, etc.)
- What is one instance in which you prayed for something in particular but God seemed to give you something different? (Share your own example here.)
- In retrospect, can you see how His way was better or are you still struggling to see it that way? (Sometimes we can readily see how God's way was better; other times we have to trust Him in faith believing that we'll understand some day, here or in eternity.)

Pray—Talk to God

God has given us specific practical instruction regarding how to pray and receive answers to our prayers. Pray that you and your family will be able to learn more about the purpose of prayer and how to look for God's answers.

Pray for the Unreached...

Country: Israel

People: Jew, Polish

Main Religion: Ethnic Religions

Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3

Memorize — Meditate on God.

1 John 5:14 —Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

This week in Sunday School...

Preschool

Today your child learned Jesus told His disciples He was going to make a new home for them in Heaven. He promised to come back one day to take everyone who loves and follows Him to live in Heaven. Heaven Is Our Home where we will be with Jesus.

Elementary

Today your student learned Jesus gave us an example of how to pray through the Lord's Prayer. He or she learned prayer is simply a conversation with God. He or she was encouraged to create a habit of growing his or her relationship with God through prayer and Bible reading (Personal Devotions, PDs).

Youth

Teens examined the topic of prayer. Discuss the importance of prayer with your teens, and put it into practice regularly. Make sure they know they can count on you to pray with them and for them.

How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups? Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically discipled and will grow in Jesus!**

For a monthly prayer calendar visit: JoshuaProject.net