

Look to Jesus #1

Remember where we started? The key to happiness is a constant, personal relationship with God. It is enjoying God's presence with us moment by moment, always and forever. Prayer, simple communication with God, is the breath of that relationship.

We have looked at what Jesus taught about prayer because He embodied that constant, unbroken relationship with God.

Thus it should come as no surprise that Jesus exemplifies the lifestyle taught and formed by the Lord's Prayer. Read one of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, and this truth will leap out at you.

- ***Our Father in heaven*** – Jesus called God “Father.” That was His name for God. That was the way He thought of Him and interacted with Him – as His Heavenly Father.
- ***Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*** – Jesus was entirely devoted to God's glory, God's rulership, and God's will. “*My food, said Jesus, is to do the will of him who sent me*” (John 4:34, NIV). He lived and died in obedience to God and for God's glory alone. Facing His torture and death, *Your will be done* are the exact words Jesus prayed.
- ***Give us today our daily bread*** – Jesus lived on daily bread. He modeled complete and constant dependence on His Father. He only said what the Father told Him to say and did what the Father showed Him to do. He was homeless, earned no income, and died with only the clothes on His back. Yet He lived a full life, always sufficient for every demand.
- ***Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors*** – Jesus modeled forgiveness. He forgave even the vilest of sinners during His lifetime and died praying for the forgiveness of those murdering Him.
- ***Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one*** – Jesus endured the full range of human temptation yet remained perfect and sinless. *We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin* (Hebrews 4:15, NIV).

Hymn: [Each Moment by Faith](#)