

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9-15

Review: The Lord's Prayer teaches us

1. To whom we pray: God is our loving Father, but also our Heavenly King
2. For what we pray: For God's glory and for ours and others' good
3. Why we pray: God has all power, all authority and all glory

Go Further: Read Psalm 145

1. How does David address God in verse 1? What do these words tell us about his relationship with God?
2. What does David promise to do in verse 2? How long does he intend to keep his promise?
3. What reason does David give in verse 3 for his praise?
4. How long does David say in verse 4 that God's praise will endure?
5. What does David promise to think about in verse 5?
6. In verses 6 and 7, David moves from thoughts to words. What does he promise to say about God?
7. What is he confident that other people will say about God?
8. In verses 8 and 9, what does David say about the way God treats people?
9. In verses 10-12, who does David say will talk about God? What sorts of things will they say?
10. How does David describe God's kingdom and dominion in verse 13?
11. In verse 14, what is David sure that God will do for those who find themselves in trouble?
12. How do verses 15-16 describe God's provision for His creation?
13. In verses 17-20, what does David say that God will do for those who find themselves in danger or who are the victims of injustice?
14. What does verse 18 promise to those who call on God in truth?
15. In verse 19, who does David promise God will save?
16. In verse 20, who will God preserve? Who will God destroy?
17. What does David promise to talk about in verse 21?
18. What does he expect other people to do as well?

Apply:

1. How can each of us make sure that succeeding generations remember God's mighty works and praise Him for them (v. 4)?
2. How does meditating on God's glory and His wondrous works (v. 5) motivate your prayers?
3. How does David's description of God in verses 8 and 9 give you assurance in prayer?
4. How does David's description of God's kingdom authority in verse 13 give you confidence in prayer?
5. How should David's description of God's providence in verses 15-16 change the focus of our prayers?
6. There is currently a lot of talk about the need for justice in our society. How does Psalm 145 speak to this problem and assure us that God will give us the justice we need?
7. In verses 14-20, David makes several statements about the way God deals with His creation. Which of these are most meaningful to you and why?