

## PRAYER IS ASKING!



### KEY VERSE

*"Give us this day our daily bread."*  
—Matthew 6:11

We are halfway through learning the Lord's Prayer. Can you say the lines we've already learned? Keep practicing and you will know the Lord's prayer by heart! Let's say together what we've learned so far:

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

This week, we are learning how to ask for things from God. Have you ever asked God for something? When Jesus taught us to pray, He taught us that asking is good! Jesus asked God to provide for His needs. He asked God to give Him what He needed each day. This request that Jesus made was for the food He needed each day and all the things He needed to live here on earth.

We need many things to live strong, healthy lives for God. We need food, shelter, clothes, and people in our lives. We need friendships and good places to use our gifts and talents. We need strong bodies to do His work. We need healthy minds to think about the true things in this world. We need many things to do

the work God has asked us to do, and He likes when we ask Him for things. He doesn't even mind when we ask Him for things we want, not just the things we need.

When we ask God for something, we are saying He is powerful, and He can answer us. Another way we worship Him is by telling true things about Him. Also, when we ask for something from God, we show that we need Him in our lives and that having a relationship with Him is good.

It is important to know that asking God for things doesn't guarantee that we will get everything we want. God answers our asking prayers in three different ways. Sometimes, He gives us things exactly as we ask for them. Other times, He does not give us what we ask for because He knows we need something different to make us more like Him. Also, He sometimes allows us to wait for the things we ask. He may be saying, "Yes, but not right now."

Here are the important things to remember about prayer: God loves to hear your requests; He knows exactly what you need and will always give you the things that are best for you according to His will; He hears our prayers, and He always answers. We need to remember that His answers are the best even if they aren't what we asked for.

Let's spend some time today thanking God for His good gifts and asking Him for the things we need most to do what He has asked us to do in this world.

What will you ask God for today?



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40 DAYS OF *prayer*