

## Rooted Week 3

How does the Bible describe prayer? Is it essential to the life of a believer? What verses would you go to demonstrate the need to pray as an individual AND with the community of believers?

If a Christian were to say, “that’s just not my thing”, how do we lovingly demonstrate the importance and indispensable nature of solo and corporate prayer?

### Read Matthew 6:9-13

What is the significance of addressing God as Father?

Note the communal nature of the address. It’s “Our Father”, not just “My Father”. How does praying with other believers help us grow closer to each other and Our Father?

Why do we pray “hallowed be your name” if God is already holy?

How do the two phrases “your kingdom come” and “your will be done” relate to each other?

In what way does knowing God as Father help us pray “your will be done”?

What other observations or applications do you see in Jesus’ teaching?

Why should Bible Study and prayer go hand in hand?

**FOR BRIDGE GROUPS: Either pray as a group or break into partners to pray. You can use A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) or the Lord’s Prayer as a guide. Prayers do not have to be long or verbose, but we don’t strengthen muscles without working them out. In the same way, we don’t grow in prayer without actually praying. Begin praying together and praying for each other and you will see the unity and depth in your group grow.**