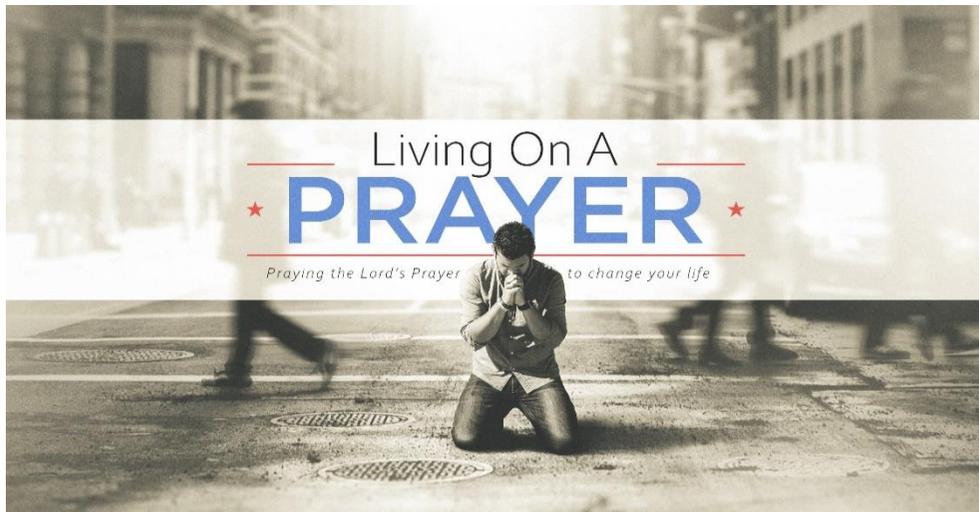


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHER .....Led by our worship team  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Holy Holy (Lift up his name)

PRAYER  
SINGING TOGETHER..... Our father high above (Pray)  
WELCOME TO CEC ..... Tom Upfield  
SINGING TOGETHER..... Hymn of Heaven  
BIBLE READING ..... Luke 11:1-13 (Church Bible page 1094)  
MESSAGE .....Taught by Pastor Phill  
CLOSING SONG ..... Let Your Kingdom come



Living on a prayer #1  
Why pray?  
Luke 11:1-13

'Lord, teach us to pray.' Luke 11:1 NIV

'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men.' Matthew 6:5 NIV

**Do not** \_\_\_\_\_.

'I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.' Matthew 6:5 NIV

'But when you pray go into your room.' Matthew 6:6 NIV

**Pray in** \_\_\_\_\_.

'But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.' Matthew 6:6 NIV

'Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.'  
Matthew 6:6 NIV

**Do not** \_\_\_\_\_.

'And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.' Matthew 6:7 NIV

'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'" Luke 18:10-11 NIV

'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.' Luke 18:13-14 NIV

'And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.' Matthew 6:7-8 NIV

Why \_\_\_\_\_?

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven.'" Matthew 6:9 NIV

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.' Matthew 6:9 NIV

When we \_\_\_\_\_ to reflect on who \_\_\_\_\_ is, we gain a better understanding of who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we're here.

'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'  
Matthew 6:10 NIV

'For your heavenly **Father knows** what you need **before** you ask him.'  
Matthew 6:8 NIV

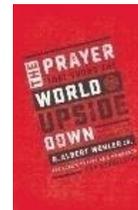
The purpose of prayer is to \_\_\_\_\_ our will,  
not to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

'Yet not my will, but yours be done.' Luke 22:42 NIV

What if prayer begins with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ His greatness, and then \_\_\_\_\_ your will.



1. How did you learn to pray? Was it modelled for you? Were you taught specific prayers as a child?
2. Have you ever attempted to pray your way out of a situation you behaved your way into?
3. Have you ever attempted to bargain with God? What about now?
4. Read Matthew 6:9–13. What stands out to you?
5. Why do we think eloquence, using the 'right' Christian words, length of prayer impresses God?
6. Read Luke 18:10-14. What is so surprising, even scandalous about the two people who prayed and Jesus' comments on them?
7. How would you answer these three questions: 1. Do you pray? 2. Where do you pray? 3. When do you pray?
8. Do you have any reservations about: "Thy will be done"
9. If God already knows my needs, why pray? Discuss the tension.
10. Pastor Phill said, "What if prayer doesn't begin with asking? What if prayer begins with recognizing and submitting?" How would that transform our prayer life?



Read: Introduction (Pages xv-xx)

Read: Chapter 1: The Lord's prayer

An overview (Pages 1-23)

Read: Chapter 2: And when you pray

Why Jesus doesn't think much of routine Christian Prayer (Pages 25-35)

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