## Teach Us to Pray

Regardless of whether or not you have your own way in which you communicate to the Lord in prayer, I would like to invite you to participate in using the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples as a daily outline for your communication with God this coming week.

For the next 6 days let us divide the prayer found in Matt. 6:9-13 into these elements:

1. **Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name**:
2. Tell the Lord how great He is
3. Share with Him what He means to your personally
4. Worship and adore Him with words that come from the depth of your heart and soul
5. **Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**:
6. Give Jesus control over your thoughts and desires
7. Seek to know and do His will and not your own
8. Submit yourself to His plan and surrender yourself to be of service to Him and others
9. **Give us this day our daily bread:**
10. Ask God, in faith, for the things that you need that are lacking
11. Petition Him for the strength to perform all the things that you need to accomplish at your job or around your home
12. Intercede on behalf of your family and friends for their needs
13. **And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors:**
14. Confess your sin to God and apply His shed blood for your forgiveness
15. Release people from your judgment who have sinned against you
16. Apply for and receive the grace from the Lord in the same amount that you have given it to others
17. **And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:**
18. Ask the Lord to make you aware of the fact that you have the power to resist every temptation that is commons to man
19. Ask Jesus to make you aware of your opportunity to be a witness of His saving and keeping power
20. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth and righteousness
21. **For yours in the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**
22. Declare your allegiance to the kingdom of God that it may come alive in you
23. Open your heart to receive and operate in the power of the Holy Spirit
24. Rejoice and worship the Lord giving Him the glory for everything that He is doing in your life.

As you take each of these elements of the prayer daily commit yourself to focus on each one for ten minutes. I would further encourage you to make room for more time and perhaps doing this in the evening may be the best choice.

Be blessed as we all embark on this journey together in prayer