

## Prayer

**Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed:** group intercessory prayer

**Who this is for:** everyone

**Desired impact on disciples:** grow in prayer

**Desired impact on campus/home/others:** receive prayer

### Hear the word

Matthew 6:5-13

"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 others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 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.

This, then, is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.'"

- What do we learn about prayer from this passage?
- Why do we pray?
- How should we pray? How shouldn't we pray?

### Respond actively

Hold a prayer meeting. (If your group already has one, attend it.)

### Debrief and Interpret

- How did it feel to pray in a group?
- Did you see any prayers answered?
- What did you learn about God? Yourself?

### Expand the influence

Invite someone to join you in prayer or pray a risky prayer