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Think About It

2. **Read Matthew 6:9-13.** Where do you go when you need to pray? What do you find yourself praying for most often? Do you think Jesus meant for us to pray this exact prayer? Why or why not? Have you ever practiced praying this prayer regularly?
3. **Read Matthew 6:9-13.** This prayer asks makes six requests, the first three are related to God. What are they? The next three are related to our needs. What are they? What does verse 12 indicate about the relationship between forgiving and being forgiven?
4. **Read Matthew 6:5-7.** Why does Jesus warn about the dangers of public prayer? What does he promise us about private prayer? Have you practiced both? What about the words you use in prayer, do you practice repetition, or pray as if God is hard of hearing? Does God respond to special words or languages in prayer?

Do Something About It

5. **Read John 1:12 and Matthew 7:11.** How do these verses encourage you to pray more or with more confidence in God? What will you do differently this week because of this message?

John 17:21

²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Romans 5:8

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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⁷ "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

John 1:12

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

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