

# Together on the Journey

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Teach Us To Pray  
Matthew 6  
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The second half of the Lord's prayer moves to requests.

1. REQUEST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

"Give us this day our daily bread..." Matt. 6:11

(See Matt. 6:34; James 4:2)

2. REQUEST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ ..and  
offer my own!

"Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors..."

Matt. 6:12 (See 14,15)

3. REQUEST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil  
one." Matt. 6:13

THE BIG IDEA

GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IS GREATER THAN MY  
\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Read Matthew 6:9-10 again to reorient yourself to God. Praise God for who He is, the holy and compassionate Father, who adopts us in Christ as His very own! If you truly believed this, how would this change your anxiety level? How would this change your prayers?

2. Read Matt. 6:11. So often we worry about our needs far more than we pray for them. What are some things you are worried about today? Stress, time, money, relationships? Specifically, what are your requests for today?

3. Read Matt. 6:12. Are there areas where you still feel guilty? Present those debts to God and thank Him for the forgiveness he grants through Jesus Christ. Are there grudges you still hold? Read Ephesians 4:30-32. Ask God to help you forgive as He has forgiven you. Maybe you can start with: Father, I want to be able to forgive. Help me.

4. Read Matt. 6:13 and James 1:13-18. Why would Jesus ask God to lead not into temptation when James says God does not tempt anyone? You could perhaps summarize this prayer as, "Keep me out of trouble". I believe it's requesting that God deal with our sin at its very roots, rather than wait until sin grows and bears fruit. This calls for self-examination: Tell God exactly the areas of weakness where you would like to be delivered, and kept out of trouble, today.

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Deeper**