

TEACHER GUIDE

TELL Bible Pathway

Part 1

Lesson 28



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Lesson Goal: The goal of this class is to answer this question: “What is the Lord’s Prayer?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation: Read Matthew 6:5-15.

Live Class Greet those who are listening to the class.

Prayer Asks for God’s blessings, focusing on the theme of the lesson, and effectively ending the greeting time and calling the lesson to order. The following prayer can be used:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Introduce The Course

- a. Explain the purpose of the course.
- b. Ask all to show respect for the teacher and other students by writing appropriate questions and comments on the Facebook Live chat.
- c. Explain that the **TELL** method is a teaching style with the goal of telling others what you’ve learned. The letters **T-E-L-L** represent four sections of study: **T** for Think, **E** for Evaluate, **L** for Learn and **L** for Lead.

Think: A powerful introduction that gets you thinking about an interesting topic, or question

Think about this: What parts of the Lord’s Prayer refer to the spread of the gospel? What parts of the prayer refer to the protection of people proclaiming the gospel? We will try to answer these questions as we evaluate Matthew 6:5-15.

Evaluate (brings more meaning and context to the lesson)

1. Who are the characters in the story? *Jesus, his disciples, hypocrites*
2. What are the objects in the story? *Synagogue, door, room, bread*
3. Where did the story take place? *Likely a hill (“mount”) in northern Israel*

4. When did the story take place? *Likely early in Jesus' ministry*
5. What is the problem? *Some people were abusing prayer by being hypocritical or praying in public to make themselves look righteous.*
6. What happened in the story? *Jesus warned against self-righteous and hypocritical prayer. He then gave the example of the Lord's Prayer as a guideline for how to pray.*
7. Was the problem solved? *Yes. Jesus teaches a prayer that is God-pleasing and appropriate.*

Learn (identify that sin is the problem and only God has the answer)

1. What is the main theme of the lesson? *The Lord's Prayer is a comforting prayer given to us through Jesus. We can continue learning from it all our lives.*
 - a. *"Our Father who art in heaven" = We have a personal relationship with God like a child and father. He is father over the whole earth but keeps our personal requests and welfare in mind.*
 - b. *"Hallowed be thy name" = Help us keep your name holy throughout our life, just as it should be.*
 - c. *"Thy kingdom come" = Make the spread of the Gospel happen through me. Keep my soul secure in your care. Let me be a light in this world. Be with all who do so many more enter the kingdom of heaven.*
 - d. *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" = Let me accept your answer to prayer as the best for me and your kingdom. Break and defeat every evil effort of the Devil in my life and this world.*
 - e. *"Give us this day our daily bread" = Give me everything I need for bodily health and protection.*
 - f. *"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" = Thank you for your full and free forgiveness. Now continue to work in me to do the same for others.*
 - g. *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." = You alone keep me spiritually safe. Continue to protect and feed my soul as you do my body. Protect me and all believers from Satan's attacks.*
2. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess? *This lesson teaches us to confess the sin of hypocritical, pious, or babbling prayer.*
3. Where do you see the love of God in the lesson? *God wants us to call him "Father." God shows us that we are a part of his family and he loves us like a father loves his children.*
4. What does God teach you to do in the lesson? *God teaches us to use the Lord's Prayer as a guideline when we pray and also as a guide for our lives.*

Lead (share this with a group of your brothers and sisters in Christ)

1. What would be a good situation in which to share this message? *This would be good to share with someone who may be having troubles finding the right words to pray when they need to seek God's help.*

Additional questions (add depth to the lesson)

1. What parts of the prayer refer to the spread of the gospel? *“Hallowed be your name.” God’s name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity. “Your kingdom come.” We are asking God to rein in our hearts through his Word. “Your will be done.” God’s highest will is that all people be saved.*
2. What parts of the prayer refer to maintaining the unity of believers? *We start the prayer with “Our Father.” Just as we all need daily forgiveness from God, we also want to learn to forgive others.*
3. What parts of the prayer refer to the protection of people proclaiming the gospel? *We ask God to maintain our spiritual welfare by keeping us strong in the face of temptation and by protecting us from evil. We ask God to protect our physical health as well when we say, “Give us today our daily bread.”*

Lesson Wrap-Up

1. Ask the key question: What is the Lord’s Prayer? *Allow time for various answers, and make sure that everyone is very clear about what the Lord’s Prayer is and how it applies to our lives as believers.*

Closing End with a prayer thanking God for the people he has brought together to learn about him and his Word, or with a blessing for the group.

Extra information for the teacher: Topics that may come up during the class

Repetitious praying – Some people will have an aversion to the Lord’s Prayer because it may sound “too catholic” or because they don’t like mindless repetition. Certainly, the Lord’s Prayer has been abused by many people, including ourselves, and for these sins we ask the Lord’s forgiveness. However, as one writer said, “While mindless and unthinking repetition presents a problem, repeating the same prayer throughout one’s life does not.”¹

The Doxology – Some churches pray the last part of the Lord’s Prayer – “for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever” – and other churches do not have that custom. The last part, also called the Doxology, was probably not part of the original prayer, since it is not found in the earliest manuscripts. But it is not wrong to pray it. In fact, it is a nice declaration of faith and confidence in our God.

1. Editorial remarks in *Luther’s Large Catechism with Study Questions* by Concordia Publishing House, page 97.

