

Living In Relationship To God

The Lord's Prayer

God Hears Us:

When a 70 year old man died suddenly of cancer, his ten year old granddaughter didn't have a chance to say good-bye to him.

For weeks she said little about what she was feeling. But then one day she came home from a friend's birthday party with a bright red helium balloon.

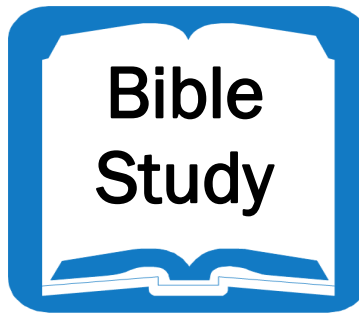
She went into the house and came out carrying the balloon with an envelope attached with a piece of string. The envelope was addressed to her grandfather in heaven up high.

The envelope contained a letter in which the girl told her grandpa that she loved him and hoped that somehow he would hear her. She let the balloon go and watched it as it sailed up and out of sight.

Unfortunately, the balloon and letter settled back to earth. But we as Christians can talk to our Heavenly Father at any time. He promises to hear and answer our prayers. What a privilege—what a blessing!

This is the first and most important point: that all our prayers should be based on obedience to God no matter who we are, whether we are sinners or saints, worthy or unworthy.

From Luther's Large Catechism



What do the following passages say to us about prayer?

Day One: Psalm 145:18

Day Two: Psalm 86:5

Day Three: Hebrews 4:16

Day Four: John 16:24

Day Five: Jeremiah 33:3



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For Discussion:

Luke 11:1-10

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship begins with God giving to us. What privilege has God given us according to verse 2?
2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What response are we to give according to verse 9?
3. Discuss the kinds of things people usually pray about. What does it mean to ask "in Jesus' name"?
4. Talk about the first prayer you first learned to pray.
5. Why is the Lord's Prayer such a good model for us to follow in our prayer life?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I have the privilege of coming to Him in prayer.