

# Group Prayer Requests

## The Lord's Prayer

*Don't Pray This Way, Pray This Way*  
Matthew 6:5-9 (678) September 9, 2018

And when you pray...

✓ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us to pray.

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

*Matthew 6:5-6*

❶ **Don't** pray to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Jesus cares about the \_\_\_\_\_ behind our prayers.

(\_\_\_\_\_)

Luke 18:9-12 (page 732)

❷ **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ from praying to impress people.

❸ **Do** engage in \_\_\_\_\_ prayer between you and God.

*Matthew 6:7-8*

❹ **Don't** pray \_\_\_\_\_ prayers.

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I Kings 18:25-29 (Page 246)

Jesus cares about the \_\_\_\_\_ of our prayers.

(\_\_\_\_\_)

❻ **Do** pray with God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.

## **Discussion Guide**

### Getting Started

Ask group members if they have the Lord's Prayer committed to memory.

Discuss how group members feel/think about The Lord's Prayer. (When did they first hear it, was it repeated each week at a church they attended, do they really understand it, etc.)

### Read Matthew 6:5a

Discuss reasons why we don't pray more.

Discuss how group members feel/think about praying in public.

*Why do you think that Jesus so strongly criticized the prayers of the religious elite?*

### Read Matthew 6:5b, Luke 18:9-12

*What are some ways that we try to impress people with our prayers?*

*Why are the prayers of new Christians or children often so refreshing?*

*How do we know if we are trying to impress people with our prayers?*

*How does private prayer help us to be less concerned about impressing people with our public prayers?*

### Read Matthew 6:7

*What are some examples of thoughtless prayers we pray?*

*What are some examples of manipulative prayers we pray?*

### Read Luke 11:9-10

*What is the difference between manipulative prayers and persistent prayers?*

### Read Nehemiah 1:5-11

*How does praying with God's sovereignty, goodness, and glory in mind help to keep our prayers properly focused?*