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How might the Lord's Prayer be God's answer to our deepest human needs for connection to God, one another, and the world? In these weeks, we will open Jesus' prayer like unearthing the contents of a treasure chest, finding not just beauty and wisdom, but useful tools of love in the world.

Teach Us to Pray

Our Father

Matthew 6: 9-13

1. Read Matthew 6: 9-15 in its entirety. When you hear the words "Our Father," what is the first image or feeling that comes to mind?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to begin his model prayer with "Our Father" rather than with a request?
3. What difference does it make that Jesus invites us to address God as "Father"?
4. What does calling God "Father" say about the kind of relationship God desires to have with us?
5. How is praying to God as Father different from simply praying to God as a distant or impersonal deity?
6. Why do you think Jesus says "Our" Father rather than "My" Father? What does that say about our relationship with other believers?
7. What does "in heaven" communicate about God's greatness, authority, and holiness?
8. How do we balance the two truths that God is both intimately near to us yet infinitely greater than us?
9. When you pray, do you spend more time focusing on who God is or on what you want God to do? Why?
10. Complete this sentence: "Because God is a good, good Father, I can trust Him with:
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