



# Lesson Five

## Jesus Says, “Pray Like This”

### Heart Preparation

Prayer is part of our covenant relationship with God. He has reached out to his people, and made a way for us to draw close to our loving Father, delighting in his nearness.

While he was on earth, Jesus not only taught his disciples how to pray, he showed them what it meant to communicate with his Father in heaven. He sought God’s fellowship early in the morning, he prayed late at night, sometimes spending long hours with him. No wonder, then, as the disciples watched Jesus model prayer, they asked him to teach them how to pray.

Yes, as God’s children, we need to learn how to come before him. We are his sons and daughters and he invites us to approach him as trusting children. He listens to what we say, and he desires that we hear what he says as he speaks to us through his Word.

Our loving heavenly Father wants us to confess our sins and ask him to meet our needs. He wants us to put the kingdom of God first in our hearts and minds. He wants us to pray for deliverance from Satan. He wants us to pray in Jesus’ name.

Teaching young children about prayer is teaching them to trust God and depend on him. It is teaching them to ask for what they need and pray for the needs of others. It is teaching them to thank and praise him for being God, for loving them and for sending Jesus to save them from their sins.

Together, you can thank God for his goodness in listening to the prayers of his people, and for his ability to answer and do his perfect will.

### Bible Background

Notes on prayer in *The Reformation Study Bible* state: “We may pray to God with fervent persistence when we bring our needs to Him and know that He will answer our prayers. But God knows what is best in a way that we do not, and He may deny our specific requests. If He denies us, it is because He has something better for us, as when Christ refused to heal Paul’s thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7–9). To say, ‘Your will be done,’ surrendering our own preference to the Father’s wisdom, as Jesus did in Gethsemane is an explicit way of expressing faith in the goodness of what God has planned.” (p. 1627)



#### Bible Truth

*Through prayer, God’s children may praise him, ask for forgiveness and ask for the things they need.*

#### Scripture

Matthew 6:9–14

Luke 11:1–13



#### Lesson Focus

*God wants his children to pray to him.*

#### Goals for the Children

- Name three things that Jesus taught his disciples about praying.
- Sing songs of praise.
- Learn to say sentence prayers.



#### Memory Minute

*Come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*  
Jeremiah 29:12b