

## Questions

1. Think of a time when you were involved in public worship and caught yourself seeking the praise of man rather than the approval of God. What did you learn from that experience and apply the next time?
2. Since God already knows and promises to meet the needs of His children, what then is the purpose of prayer?
3. How specifically does being able to relate to God as "Father" shape your personal prayer life?
4. Which of the implications listed by Al Mohler most excites you about God's coming Kingdom and motivates you to pray for it?
5. Why are our spiritual needs of greater importance than our physical or material needs?
6. James 1:13 tells us that "God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." Why then does Jesus tell us to pray that we not be led into temptation?
7. How has your unwillingness to quickly forgive someone who has wronged you negatively affect your approach to God in prayer? Why is forgiving others such a critical matter in our relationship with the Lord? To whom do you need to extend forgiveness this week?

# The King's Manifesto

*The Sermon on the Mount*

## A Pattern for Prayer

**Matthew 6:5-15**

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One of the most familiar and yet misunderstood portions of Scripture is the passage known to us as "the Lord's Prayer." It is found near the middle of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" and should not be separated from that context. Within this "manifesto of the King" (Matthew, chapters 5-7), Jesus teaches His disciples how to live righteously, seeking the approval of God and not that of man. Within this section, He instructs us concerning the kind of prayer that finds favor with God.

**Jesus warns against hypocrisy in prayer (verses 5-8)**

**Jesus provides a “handle” (pattern) for prayer (verses 9-13).**

**Jesus cautions about a hindrance to prayer (verses 14-15).**

**“Reverence” section**

**God's name**

**God's rule (reign)**

**God's will**

**“Request” section**

**our physical (material) needs**

**our spiritual needs**

**our moral needs**