

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Scripture text: Matthew 5:9-13

## Preliminary Homework

1. Try to remember the first time you heard or became aware of The Lord's Prayer. Approximately how long ago was that? \_\_\_\_\_ and how old were you? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Do you know this prayer by another name besides The Lord's Prayer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, write the name or names: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Were you ever instructed to memorize The Lord's Prayer? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, who taught you? \_\_\_\_\_ What was the context?
4. Before reading Matthew's account of The Lord's Prayer, read Matthew 6:5-8 (verses just before the prayer). What instruction did Jesus give his disciples before teaching them to pray?  
Paraphrase Matthew 6:5-8.
  - a. Before reading Luke's account of The Lord's Prayer, read Luke 11:1. What was Jesus doing before he taught to his disciples to pray? \_\_\_\_\_ Where was Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ What difference in understanding prayer could that detail about where Jesus was make?

b. What insights do you take for your own prayer life from these two distinctly different introductions to the prayer?

5. Read The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. What differences do you note between the two accounts?

6. Is there a phrase or phrases that stand out or are particularly meaningful to you in this prayer? If so, which one/s? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

7. Pray The Lord's Prayer each day before our class.