

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Matthew 6:9-13** 

to Tray

### Needs

Physical Needs: Basic: Food, Shelter, Clothes, Transportation, or Health

**Emotional Needs: Loneliness or the loss** 

of a loved one

This makes up about 95% of our public prayer life

**About the here and Now** 



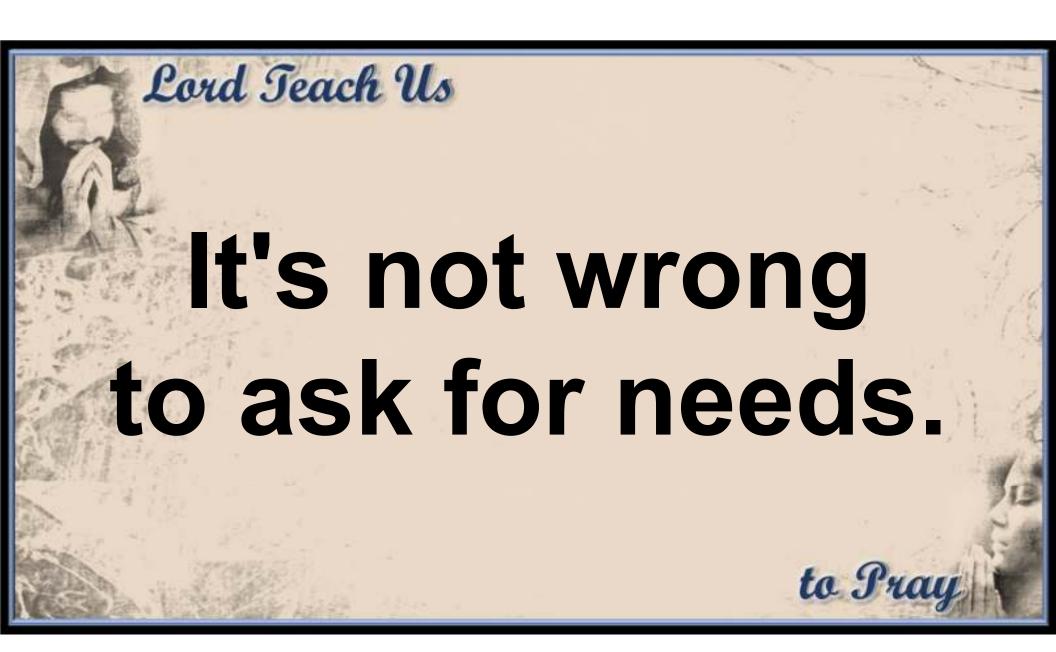
### Lord Teach Us Running God's Numbers

The model prayer as it exists in Matthew 6 is 53 words long

The request for needs is only 6 words

When Jesus taught prayer only 11% of the prayer was for needs

No matter what translation you use, its by far shortest section to Fray







## What We Want to God to do

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Matthew 6:9-13** 

### **Conditions on Asking**

What causes fights and quarrels among you?
Don't they come from your desires that battle
within you? You desire but do not have, so you
kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so
you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you
do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive,
because you ask with wrong motives, that you may
spend what you get on your pleasures.

**James 4:1-3** 



# Us and Our Defined

Us: used by a speaker to refer to themselves and one or more other people

Our: Belonging to or associated with the speaker and one or more other people



# We are to make requests for my needs and others needs

Maturity -- When you start out in prayer this is the easiest thing to pray for

We begin with learning to pray for my needs

We then mature by learning to ask for needs of others

# **Maturing Requests**

And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:29-31

Should it be prayed for If its important to you it's important to God

James says prayer for your needs starts with YOU

If YOU are not willing to take time to pray for a need, you should NOT ask others to pray for the need to Fray

### **Bread**

In His culture it would have been the most basic of "purchasable" needs

Thus the request for bread means no need is too small Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

How you pray is a direct indicator of you maturity level as a Christian

How the church prays is sort of an indicator of the maturity level of the body

