

## Prayer Meeting with the Lord's Prayer

**Focus:** Pick a mission-based focus for your prayer meeting (such as your town, your church, your campus, a section of the world, or a particular problem in the world, such as economic injustice, AIDS, world hunger, evangelism)

**Space:** Meet in a space that is large enough for the group to form a circle. Either have movable chairs, or plan on sitting on the floor.

**Leadership:** One leader can invite others to participate in leading at different points; a music worship team is a nice but not necessary addition

**Preparation:** Choose theme, worship music, co-leaders; bring paper, pens, overhead or white-board

### OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

5 to 10 minutes

1. Begin with some songs of praise
2. Large group -- praise God for who He is; call out names or attributes of God  
(You can do "popcorn" prayer, or go around the room)

### THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

5 min

1. Small groups of 3 or 4 – discuss and dream together: what it would look like if God answered this prayer in the area of focus for your prayer meeting: What Kingdom characteristics do you want to see? (Alternative: small groups or individuals can do art work to represent the answer to the questions above. Share in the large group, or small group before prayer together.)
2. Small group, or individuals: write 3 or 4 "faith-sized" prayer requests that would be steps toward your idea of seeing God's Kingdom come, ("Faith-sized requests", from Rosalind Rinker, are requests that are measurable, so I will know when they have been answered, and requests that I can believe God will answer.)
3. In the large group, pray sentence prayers, making those faith-sized requests.

[Alternative: You can pray as a large group, and pray geographically: Face North -- pray for all the places and peoples you can think of that are north of you; then face East and pray for all in the East, etc.]

[Alternative: for a campus, or city, lay a map of the area on the floor in the middle of the group as you pray.]

[Alternative: for a very large group of 100 or more, put signs around the room naming areas (dorms, or continents, countries, etc) to pray for and ask people to spread out and pray for the different areas.

### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

5 minutes

1. In silence each individual make a list of what you need in the next 24 hours to be able to serve God to the fullest.

2. Meet in pairs, and pray for your own needs, with the other person. (Don't discuss, just go directly to prayer. Agree with each other in prayer.)
3. Have the pairs pair off to make groups of four, and give another area of need to pray for (your families, your campus, or an issue on campuses, such as racism)
4. Pair off the groups of four to make eights and pray for another, broader topic.
5. Pair off again to 16's (or one large group) and pray other concerns you designate.

### **AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US**

5 min

1. Silence for reflection, personal confession (quiet background music optional)  
(Or confess sins in small groups in prayer)
2. Confess both individual and corporate sins.
3. After enough time has gone by, the leader can declare God's faithfulness to forgive sins (I John 1:9)

### **AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

5 min –

Large group in a circle, standing – "Lead us not into temptation"

1. Take a minute in silence to ask God to show you the temptations that you don't recognize as temptations.
2. Ask people to call out temptations that challenge you or others you know; visualize making a pile of temptations in the center of the group.
3. Give it to Jesus, and ask God's protection for each other . Quote Bible promises.
4. "Deliver us from evil." – Large group – turn around (with backs to center of circle) and hold hands. Pray for God's protection from all kinds of evil. You can pray through the "armor of God" image in Ephesians 6, or other prayers for spiritual protection.

### **FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER, AMEN**

5 min

Large group: Time of praise and thanksgiving, and testimonies

(Songs optional)