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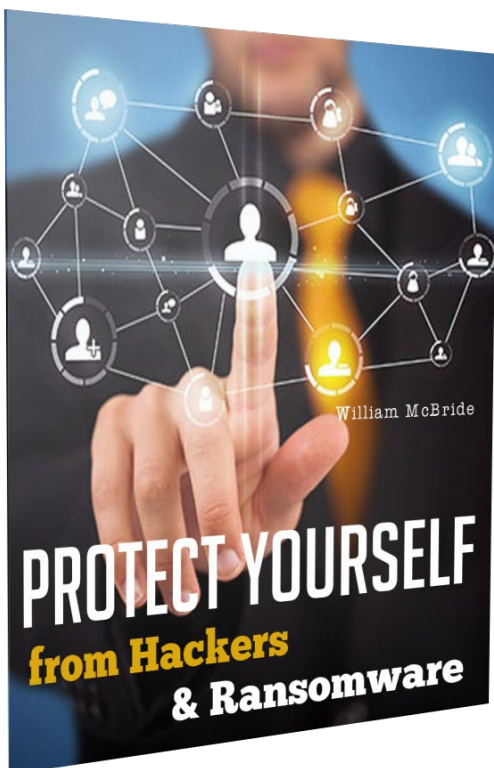
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7 Top Tips

FOR BIBLE STUDY

- 1 PRAY FIRST STUDY NEXT** - Ask God to help you listen & share well, especially if you are in a group study. Say a prayer for the other members of your group.
- 2 IT TAKES TIME** - Give yourself plenty of time to learn, absorb and grow in your understanding of the subject.
- 3 BITE-SIZED PIECES** - You don't have to complete the chapter or section of your study book in one sitting. Take your time. Don't rust it!
- 4 GO LOW TECH** - Write a lot in the study guide. Use a pencil with an eraser just in case you want to make changes or gain new insights from the group.
- 5 INTROVERTS TALK MORE** - if you are quiet and shy, force yourself to talk in the group. You can learn much by listening to how others respond to your sharing. They will know you better when you share.
- 6 EXTROVERTS LISTEN MORE** - If you are a great talker, force yourself to listen twice as much as you speak. After all, God gave you 2 ears and 1 mouth for a reason.
- 7 TRUST GOD IN THE PROCESS** - You are studying this subject for a reason. God has a plan for you in this study and has led you to this study. Trust and give it your all!



A PRAYER BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Dear God, thank you for guiding me in my Bible study today. Lead me where I need to go and teach me what I need to learn.

Help me be a good listener and an open sharer of my ideas and even my questions. I ask that you would bless everyone in my study group.

*Thanks again for this opportunity to grow and learn more about your great plan for my life.
Amen.*

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5 Secrets for Answered Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Workbook and Bible Study

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.*

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

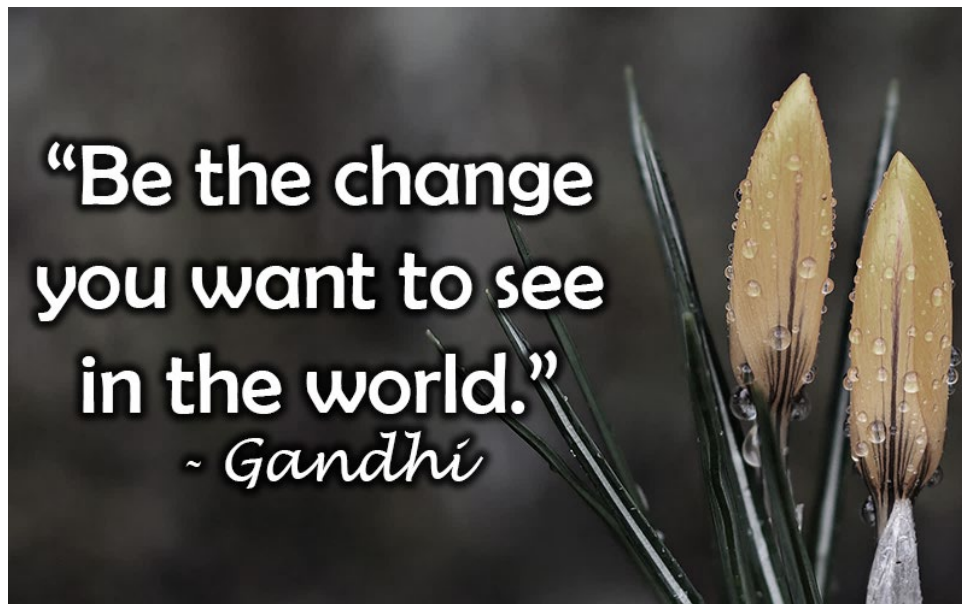
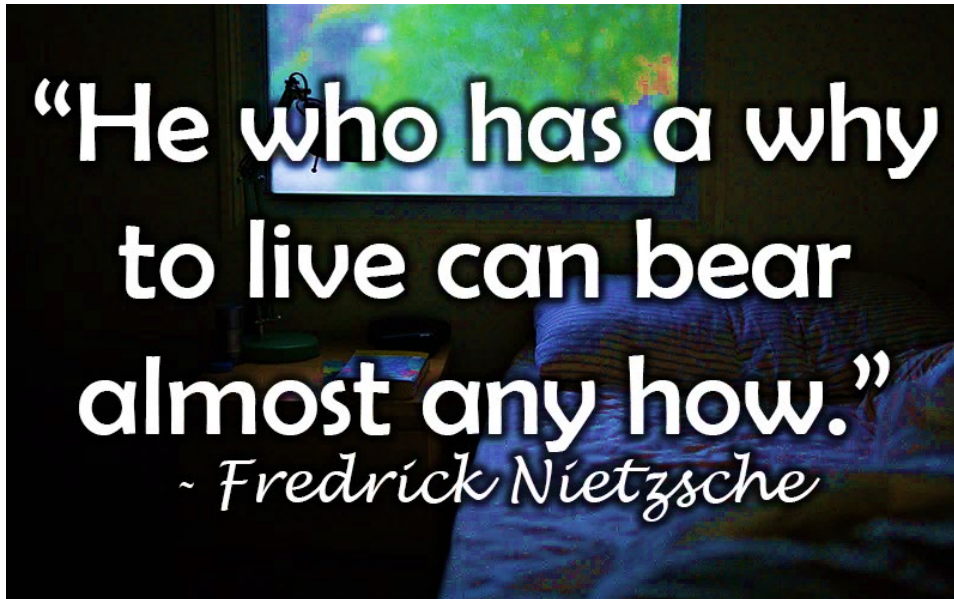
¹³ And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever. Amen. (from Matthew 6:10-14 (used with permission (NKJV) New King James Version)

TIPS AND MOTIVATION



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

This prayer in Matthew 6:10-14 is what the Christian Church (Capital "C - Church" designating the gathering of Christ's followers) calls **The Lord's Prayer**. It was placed in the Bible in Matthew Chapter 6 by the writer, in an answer to the questions and certain curiosity the disciples were asking Jesus, about teaching them how to pray.

I believe as it is evidenced in the Gospels, Matthew through John, and through my years of study in seminary and clergy leadership in the life of the Church, that Jesus spent a great deal of time in prayer. Prayer for him was His private conversation and how he stayed connected with God.

The disciples undoubtedly observed Jesus' praying on many occasions, and they grew curious about his prayer times and his relationship with God. If indeed, they thought that his praying had a direct connection with his closeness to his heavenly Father and the confidence and power he displayed, they wanted to know how to get closer to God as well, and feel the power of and presence of God, as Christ surely demonstrated

Jesus gave clear instructions on the nature and purpose of prayer in Matthew 6 and throughout the Gospels. He taught that prayer is not done in private or in public to show off or demonstrate how good a Christian the pray-er is, or how beautiful their prayers are. Jesus taught that prayer is not for show but for the express purpose of deepening one's faith in and trust of God.

The clear purpose of prayer as Jesus taught and modeled, is to enable a believer and follower of God through Christ, to maintain and strengthen their personal relationship with God, their creator, sustainer and redeemer.

It is my hope and prayer that as you read and study this workbook on The Lord's Prayer you will gain clearer insight into this prayer that Jesus taught his followers, and you will increase your life of prayer as you deepen your personal relationship with God.

This Lord's Prayer Workbook & Bible Study is created primarily for a small group study.

I have woven throughout many Reflection and Group Discussion questions. While this is a group study, I know you will find it valuable for personal and your own private Bible study too.

Blessings to you.

Rev. Bill McBride,

Author, Publisher, Pastor and Teacher



SECRET 1. WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Our Father Flickr by Lel4nd

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

The Lord's Prayer is really not “The Lord's Prayer.” This prayer came about when the Jesus Christ took a moment one day and taught his followers, his disciples how to pray. In Matthew 6:9 Jesus said “Pray like this...”

The Lord's Prayer should be called the disciples prayer, the followers of Jesus prayer, the believer's prayer. It's not Jesus or God praying, it is you and me praying, every Sunday in Church, during the week, perhaps at night just before you go to bed or early in the morning after you get up, when you are having your devotional time.

So, I thought it might be good to take some time and unpack this prayer and see if we can really take this prayer, our prayer, as followers and learners of Jesus Christ to heart.

Question for Discussion: Do you remember when you first heard and learned the Lord's Prayer? Share your story with the group.

The Lord's Prayer is more than just a bunch of words on paper; for it reveals the nature and character of God and the role and conduct of a Christian; in church, at home, at work, and every day. It is our prayer and should thus influence how we think and what we do in the name of Christ.

The first sentence of our prayer tells the one who is praying much about the name and nature of God. **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."**

Question for Discussion:

- What comes to your mind when you read this opening sentence of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9). Your first impression.
- What does this sentence tell you about God?
- Describe how this sentence makes you feel about God.