



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Understanding the Basics*

Text: Matthew 6:9-13

Service Date: November 2, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Read Matthew 6:9-13. How familiar are you with “The Lord’s Prayer”? Did you memorize it growing up? If so, how has your understanding of it changed over time?

Sermon Discussion

- Be honest...What does your current prayer life look like? Do you tend to pray only in emergencies, or is prayer part of your daily rhythm?
- What does your prayer *schedule* reveal about your relationship with God?
- If one of your kids (or someone close to you) repeated what they heard you say in a prayer before a meal, what would they say? What does that reveal about what you focus on when you pray?
- The “**P**” in PRAY can stand for “**Praise**”. Why is it important to start our prayers with praise? What are some things that praising God stirs up in us or reminds us of as we talk with Him?
- What are some specific reasons you can praise God today? How does focusing on *Who God is* change how you approach *what you ask for*?
- The “**R**” in PRAY can stand for “**Reign**” (God’s Reign vs. Our Control). What does it reveal about us when we do not allow God to reign in certain areas of our lives? Why do we sometimes refuse to pray about those areas?
- Read John 5:1–15. How are we like the lame man at the pool when we refuse to let God reign in all areas of our lives? Are there areas of your life where God might be asking, “Would you like to get well?”
- Where is one area in your life right now where you need to let God *reign*? What would it look like to surrender that to Him this week?
- The “**A**” in PRAY can stand for “**Ask**”. Jesus taught us to pray, “Give us today our daily bread.” What Do You Need Today? What is one thing you need to ask God for *today* —

something that reflects your trust and dependence on Him rather than on yourself?

- The “Y” in PRAY can stand for “Yield”. When was the last time you prayed with the thought of yielding to what God desires, even if you knew your prayer would be about yielding your desire to His? If you’ve never had a time when you’ve done this, do you find your prayers are more routine or request oriented than God-oriented?
- Forgiveness Flow: What’s an easier prayer for you to say — “Forgive me my debts” or “As I have forgiven my debtors”? Why? Is there someone you need to forgive this week, and what step could you take toward that?

This Week’s Action Response

- Read 1 Corinthians 10:12–13. How does this passage connect to the “Yield” section of the Lord’s Prayer (“Lead us not into temptation”)?
- Fill-in-the-Blank: Currently, the one area of my life in which I need to yield is

(Fill in the Space Above with Your Prayer Request)

- How can we, as a group, encourage one another to stay strong and keep a daily prayer habit?

Upcoming Impact Opportunities (tri-village.org/events)

- Activities with Residents at Tuscany Gardens Care Center- Wed., Nov. 5, 6-7pm
- Heartbeats for Life Banquet- Thurs. Nov. 6 or Fri., Nov. 7 (7pm); hbfl.us (under “Events”)
- Caroling at Nursing Homes- Wed., Dec. 3, 5:30-7pm

40 Days of Prayer (tri-village.org/40daysofprayer) October 27 – December 5

Available Prayer Space- Every Monday during the 40 Days of Prayer, the Sanctuary will be open from 7am to 7pm. There will be no set agenda, just a place where you can come and quiet your heart while you pray.

Have a way that God has worked recently through prayer? Visit tri-village.org/40daysofprayer and share your story.