

Mt Pleasant *Women in the Word* March 31 Jennifer Turner

## THE LORD'S PRAYER [rather: The Disciples' Prayer]

Luke 11:1-4 (part of 9:51 – 11:54)

Follows the disciples seeing Jesus' private prayer and asking to be taught  
Jesus teaches them to pray with it – not just a prayer to be said by rote

Jesus is always teaching to correct misunderstandings

Matt 6: Sermon on the Mount giving, praying, fasting addressed

For praying: no ostentation, no babbling, no long prayers

(cf Rabbi Levi "Whoever is long in prayer is heard.")

Luke follows this teaching by 3 parables about prayer 11:5-13

And the role of the Holy Spirit (v.13)

**Father – Abba - Daddy** Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6 (taught by the Holy Spirit)

"Father" is the wonderful relationship word Jesus used

[Roman 'triumph' of the emperor – his son runs to chariot]

Matthew includes **Our** Father – the **Good Father**

A Father we share – not just personal

### TWO REQUESTS REGARDING GOD:

1. **Hallowed be your name** – holy, separate, other

Acknowledging God as *Father* teaches us intimacy with him BUT

*hallowed* means we must not take access to this holy Father lightly

*Name* represents the character of our holy, loving, powerful Father

*Hallowed be your name* is also our longing that God be *honoured* –  
by others too

2. **Your kingdom come**

Jesus came "preaching the Kingdom" (Luke 4:43; 8:1)

Jesus' kingdom is his realm. It begins now in us & in his world

We pray, affirming we are following his cause – "I'm in!"

And we pray this as our longing for God to be *king* for others too

### THREE REQUESTS FOR OURSELVES:

1. **Give us each day our daily bread** [for the present; Father God]

"daily" – like the shopping list on ancient papyrus

"daily" - like manna in the wilderness

Are you asking for enough – including for your body needs?

Ask because your relationship with God is the most important

God who gives is like a friend or a father – he gives in love

The giver is more important than the gift

2. **Forgive us our sins** [for the past; Jesus the Son makes it possible]

Being forgiven is the beginning to our relationship with God

It is essential to our ongoing relationship with him too

**For we also forgive everyone who sins against us**

When we don't forgive, we haven't understood God forgives us

Forgiving is a process the Holy Spirit can teach us

3. **And lead us not into temptation** [for the future; by the Holy Spirit]

God doesn't tempt – the evil one does

Testing – like Jesus led by HS to the wilderness (Luke 4)

We pray: save us from being overcome by evil (one)

### Luke 11:2-4 Msg

*Father,*

*Reveal who you are.*

*Set the world right.*

*Keep us alive with three square meals.*

*Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.*

*Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.*