

**Prayer Training for the Rest of Us (Part 9)
(The Lord's Prayer)**

"Why Pray the Words of Scripture"
Luke 11:2a

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1. The Bible _____ it and Jesus commands it.
2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Instead of fabricating something snappy to garner God's attention, Jesus would have us lose all such originality and simply plagiarize." (John J. Bombaro)

"Prayer is answering speech. The first word is God's word. Prayer is a human word and is never the initiating and shaping word simply because we are never first, never primary." (Eugene Peterson)

2. It gives us the _____ and direction we need in prayer.

Without Scripture guiding us, we tend to pray the same _____ in the same ways.

3. It takes God's Word deeper into our hearts and into our daily _____.
Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-2

Read Scripture — Meditate/Ponder — Pray

3 Tips:

- Grow to know God's Word _____.
- Pray the weekend's passage for your family, friends, and our _____.

"How would the world be a better place or different if God answered your prayers?" (Bryan Loritts)

- Add verses to your prayer _____.

PRAYER TRACKER (WEEK OF JULY 12-18)

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Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Why do we need actual words and clear direction for our prayers?

3. How might you include praying Scripture more in your daily prayers?

4. Write a Scripture prayer for someone or something that you would feel comfortable sharing with your group.

Prayer Toolshed:

- Download all previous Prayer Tools here: <https://bit.ly/2XFbnCy>