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SERMON OUTLINE FOR PASTORS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Seven-Part Framework for Daily Prayer

> Some things only change through prayer. The Lord's Prayer gives us a framework for daily prayer in seven parts: grace, God's character, priorities, provision, relationships, protection and worship.

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Mark 9:14-29

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AT A GLANCE

THE MESSAGE

1. Some things cannot be accomplished any other way than prayer, and God will sometimes not intervene until you learn his process of asking.
2. 2027 is being set as the year the church becomes a house of prayer, launched by 27 days of 27 minutes a day with the Lord.
3. Power 27 is the daily framework: 15 minutes in the Bible, 7 minutes in prayer (thank God for one thing, ask for three to five things), and 5 minutes in worship.
4. Three obstacles keep people out of prayer: discomfort, condemnation, and content. Time handles discomfort, the cross handles condemnation, and this series supplies content.
5. Part one, Our Father: approach the throne of grace on the sufficient finished work of Christ and declare your righteousness over yourself rather than praying from merit.
6. Part two, hallowed be thy name: God names himself I AM, but the names given to him in Scripture reveal his character, and knowing his character shapes what you expect when you pray.
7. Part three, thy kingdom come and thy will be done: get your day, your week, and your calendar in alignment with the Lord before you act.
8. Part four, give us this day our daily bread: bring physical provision and finances into ongoing conversation with the Lord, with the tithe as a measurable point of contact with God's supernatural provision.
9. Part five, forgive us our trespasses: pray through your relationships, including spouse, children, boss, and government leaders, and take offenses to the secret place before taking them to the source.
10. Part six, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: the text says deliver us from evil, not from sin, so pray against real spiritual opposition while staying honest that not everything against you is demonic.
11. Part seven, for thine is the kingdom: end prayer with worship, getting your eyes off your life and onto how big God is, often by way of a song you carry through the day.

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PREACHING NOTES

Before You Preach

This message launches a long teaching series on the Lord's Prayer. It is an overview: each of the seven parts introduced here becomes its own series in the months that follow, starting with "Our Father." Say so plainly. This is a message for the library, something people can come back to whenever they need the whole outline in one place.

It also casts vision for a church that becomes a house of prayer, and it introduces the daily rhythm the church calls Power 27 (27 minutes with Jesus). Keep the seven parts moving. Each one needs a single clear handle, one Scripture and one practical way to pray it. Save the depth for the series.

The message ends in worship rather than a traditional altar call: play an older worship song and let the room sit in it, modeling how a prayer time can end.

Introduction

> **MARK 9:14-29** ESV
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> 14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Set the scene: Jesus, Peter, James and John are coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8). They walk into a crowd, an argument, and disciples who could not do what they were asked to do.

Notice Jesus' calm in the middle of a violent demonic manifestation. He turns to the father and asks, "How long has this been happening to him?" Jesus is not fazed by your situation either. Invite Him into it.

"This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer" (Mark 9:29). Some Bibles add "and fasting," but the earliest manuscripts read "prayer" alone.

There are things that can only get done in prayer. Some of us are kicking "against the goads" (Acts 26:14), fighting losing battles, because we haven't realized we are facing something that only gets solved in prayer.

Prayer is the most powerful thing the church of the Lord Jesus Christ has, and often the last thing we do. We pray when we're out of options. Sometimes the Lord will not intervene until we learn His process: asking.

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13). **2027 is going to be a year when this church becomes a house of prayer.** Not a church with five people who pray, but a church known for prayer, where new guests walk in and say, "My word, those people pray."

We are going to spend a considerable amount of time walking through the Lord's Prayer as a church. Today is the introduction.

Power 27: 27 Minutes with Jesus

A simple daily framework:

- Thank God for **one** thing you are actually thankful for. Not "thank You for the day." The thing you really are grateful for, even if it's a new air fryer. - Ask God for **three to five** things you want to see Him do.

- **15 minutes in the Bible.** A one-year Bible reading plan takes roughly 12 minutes a day. Give yourself 15, because early-morning reading is slow.
- **7 minutes in prayer.** Better than five, not as hard as ten.
- **5 minutes in worship.** About the length of a worship song. Turn one on and worship.

The goal isn't to make prayer quick, or to cap it at 27 minutes. It's to get you started and give you a base to grow from. There has to be something between zero minutes and three hours.

The church's plan: launch 2027 with 27 days of 27 minutes, starting the day after the first Sunday of the year, and close those 27 days with a Sunday gathering. Believe God to do something in that service that blows our minds.

Three Obstacles to Prayer

1. **Discomfort.** If you're not comfortable in prayer, you will not pray. Time takes care of discomfort. 2. **Condemnation.** If you don't feel worthy, you will not pray. You know yourself too well. The cross takes care of condemnation. 3. **Content.** Even when you get comfortable and get past condemnation, you still need to know what to say when you get there.

This series exists mainly to supply content: enough that when you go to pray, you have something to draw on.

The Lord's Prayer is a framework. Internalize it, and it will carry your prayer time well beyond seven minutes, and it will give you something to pray all through the day, as Scripture says, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

PRAYING IT TOGETHER

There are three versions: Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4, and the historic church version, which is written for reciting together and is the one most people already know. Read it once for the cadence, then pray it aloud together. Plan to recite it every Sunday of the series.

> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Different teachers have broken the prayer down in different ways; Larry Lea's teaching on the Lord's Prayer taught a generation of preachers how to pray. The seven parts below follow a path similar to Power 27 (thanks, then asking, then worship), with more moving parts.

1. "Our Father": Grace

> **HEBREWS 4:16** ESV
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> [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

When we say "Our Father," we come into the throne room and **hyper-focus on grace.** This is the first series, beginning next week.

Every believer, and especially anyone who wants to be a person of prayer, needs a comprehensive understanding of **the sufficient, finished work of Jesus Christ** on their behalf. We have simplified the cross into "Jesus died for us because He loves us." That's true, but it leaves out the power of what He did. Jesus turned the world on a different axis at the cross, and what He accomplished is credited to your account with the Father. It changes how you live, the power you walk in and how you pray.

Because Jesus went to the cross, even though you are unworthy to ask anything of a holy God, you are worthy to ask everything of a holy God.

When you show up before the Lord like you belong there, you pray differently. We tend to hyper-fixate on brokenness. Be contrite, yes, but you are covered in the blood of Jesus. You don't have to wait for a king to hold out his scepter (Esther 4:11). If you have the blood on you, come in.

TAME CONDEMNATION

Time can help with discomfort, and this series will help with content, but **every time you go to pray, you have to tame condemnation.** There are a thousand legitimate reasons you shouldn't be allowed in, and one reason, the cross, that makes none of them matter.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

Condemnation isn't trying to make you feel bad. It is trying to keep you from any action of faith: to neutralize you and cut your spiritual legs out from under you. You can't get good enough on the front end, because prayer is the means by which things change. If you wait until you feel good enough to pray, you never will.

DECLARE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Say, "Our Father," then declare why He is your Father:

- Those "who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17).
- "There is no fear in love" (1 John 4:18).
- "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).
- In Christ I have become "the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"So I am able to come before the throne of grace."

2. "Hallowed Be Thy Name": The Character of God

> **EXODUS 3:14** ESV
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> 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God's own name for Himself is I AM. Throughout Scripture, God is also known by names that reveal His character, some spoken by God Himself and some given by people who saw Him at work. **Knowing His names helps us pray according to His character.**

> **EXODUS 15:26** ESV
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> [26] saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer."

"The LORD, your healer" is often rendered Jehovah Rapha: the God who heals.

Knowing and meditating on the character of God impacts the way you pray and the results you get. Most of our prayers look more like begging sessions than expectation sessions. When you know His character, you know what to expect, and your expectation affects your results.

Some of the names of God:

- **Jehovah Tsidkenu:** "The LORD is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6).
- **Jehovah M'kaddesh:** "I am the LORD who sanctifies you" (Leviticus 20:8).
- **Jehovah Shalom:** "The LORD Is Peace" (Judges 6:24).
- **Jehovah Shammah:** "The LORD Is There" (Ezekiel 48:35). He is "a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
- **Jehovah Rapha:** the LORD who heals (Exodus 15:26).
- **Jehovah Jireh:** "The LORD will provide" (Genesis 22:14).
- **Jehovah Rohi:** "The LORD is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1).
- **Jehovah Nissi:** "The LORD Is My Banner" (Exodus 17:15), who goes before you in your battles.
- **Baal Perazim:** "The LORD has broken through" (2 Samuel 5:20), the God of the breakthrough.

Don't know Hebrew? Songs help. Find worship songs that sing the names of God and get them in your spirit. Then pray from them: "Jehovah Shalom, You are the God of peace. I'm heading into the holidays and there's going to be turbulence. I pray Your peace over our home."

3. "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done": Priorities

This is getting our priorities in alignment with the Lord.

Under pressure, when money is tight or the schedule is hectic, it's easy to just do the next right thing, and that is usually wise. But there is power in pausing to ask, "Lord, how do You want my day ordered? My week?" Put your calendar in front of you and pray through it.

Illustration: the meeting with Terry. "Lord, I have a 9:00 meeting with Terry. I'm planning to tell him we aren't putting up with his mess anymore. Is that what You want me to say?" And the Lord may prompt you to ask about Terry's mother first. Suddenly the whole Terry problem comes clear, and rather than telling Terry off, you find out he needs something you have: the Holy Spirit.

It is hard to have a good spiritual Wi-Fi signal if you don't have a good spiritual ethernet connection. We want to live the spontaneous, Spirit-led life, but you need a hard line. Your hard line is prayer. Let the Holy Spirit shape the priorities of your day.

OPTIONAL: MICAH 6:8

This passage is in the original notes but was not preached on August 30, 2026.

> **MICAH 6:8** ESV
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> 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

4. "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread": Provision

This is physical provision.

> **MALACHI 3:8-12** ESV
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> 8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. 12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Every week during the offering, Pastor Jason prays, "Lord, for every tither and faithful giver in the house, meet their needs, protect their stuff, and bless them in ways that are obvious to others." That prayer comes straight from this passage:

- "until there is no more need": **meet their needs** (Malachi 3:10);
- "I will rebuke the devourer for you": **protect their stuff** (Malachi 3:11);
- "Then all nations will call you blessed": **bless them in ways that are obvious to others** (Malachi 3:12).

"Put me to the test." Giving is one of the high marks of spiritual maturity, and the tithe gives you a measurable history with God's supernatural provision. That history affects the way you pray.

TALK TO THE LORD ABOUT YOUR MONEY

Your finances need to be an ongoing conversation with the Lord. You need things. Because they matter to you, they matter to Him. God wants His people to prosper, and the work of the kingdom costs money.

Keep a record: what you've asked the Lord for financially, and when He answered.

Money touches so much of your life that if you're not bringing it to the Lord, you're leaving a lot of your life untouched. Making memories with your kids, their activities, aging parents, seeing the grandkids at Christmas: it all costs.

Be balanced. Prayer and the tithe won't solve every money problem; the Lord will sometimes protect you from yourself. You have to work: "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). But a job you think is beneath you, taken to the Lord in prayer, can change your situation quickly. You can pray yourself into another tax bracket. And those who are doing well financially need to do this more than anybody.

5. "Forgive Us Our Trespasses": Relationships

> ROMANS 12:18 ESV
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> [18] If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

It takes two to tango, but only one to shut the tango down. Do all you can, and one of the best ways to escalate toward peace, or to de-escalate, is to pray through your relationships.

Which relationships? All of them. Be consistent with your spouse and children. Pray for your boss: good, bad or indifferent. Pray "for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:2). You don't have to agree with a leader to pray that God gives them wisdom. Treat leaders with honor and all people with dignity. Pray for your pastor. Pray for the coworker who drives you crazy.

Your offenses would get solved quicker if you took them to the secret place before you took them to the source. It's easier to give someone a piece of your mind than to pray, "Lord, this bothers me. Make it not a thing for me." But that's the prayer.

Apologize in the secret place first. Release the other person's offense before the Lord, or ask His forgiveness for yours, and then go apologize and really mean it, without adding what their fault was.

"As we forgive those who trespass against us": you receive in accordance with how you give. "With the measure you use it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). The person who dishes it out but can't take it is living out this principle.

6. "Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil": Protection

As preached, the keyboard player came up during this section to begin setting the closing song.

Notice it says **deliver us from evil**, not deliver us from sin. Unseen forces oppose the believer: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

Not everything in your life is a spiritual issue, and not everything is unspiritual. There are seasons of spiritual opposition: not necessarily oppression or possession, but opposition, something standing between you and where you're going. Most of the trouble you face comes down to one of two things: you made a wrong move, or someone (natural or spiritual) made a successful move against you.

Pray for protection. The minute you give your life to Jesus, there is incoming fire. The minute you step up in faith or begin to obey in the tithe, the enemy wants to put you under pressure. That's why we pray, "Protect their stuff."

When you become a person of prayer, expect the things that trigger condemnation to show up: an argument at home, words you regret at work. Don't let them keep you out of the secret place.

Put on the armor. Larry Lea teaches that at this point in the prayer he goes to Ephesians 6 and puts on each piece of the armor of God in prayer.

> **EPHESIANS 6:10-18** ESV
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> 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

You're going to get hit. If the enemy goes for your head, have the helmet of salvation on. If he goes for your chest, have the breastplate of righteousness on.

Be practical. Not everything that goes wrong is the devil. Sometimes you tried to carry coffee and take something out of the oven at the same time. Pray, be ready, and aim to be so covered that you're under attack and barely notice it.

OPTIONAL: ISAIAH 54:14-17

This passage is in the original notes but was not preached on August 30, 2026. Use it to pray against the "incoming fire" of the day.

> **ISAIAH 54:14-17** ESV
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> [14] In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;
> and from terror, for it shall not come near you. [15] If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever
> stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you. [16] Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire
> of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy; [17] no
> weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises
> against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me,
> declares the LORD."

7. "For Thine Is the Kingdom": Worship

> **PSALM 34:3** ESV
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> [3] Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Like Power 27, the Lord's Prayer ends in worship. Take your eyes off your life and put them on how big God is. **The best way to leave the secret place and enter the public square is to make much of your big God.**

Use a song. Find a worship song you know, ideally an older one, that makes much of God. If it talks about you, it should make you small and the Lord huge.

Carry a song out with you. Short songs you know by heart become something to lean on all day. Are they crutches? Maybe, but we all limp. They're more accessible than prayer because they come with a tune. Some days, sitting with one song for a long time leads into the presence of God in a way that changes everything.

Conclusion

Play an older worship song and let the congregation sit and worship. Model what the end of a prayer time can look like.

Then recap: 27 minutes. Bible, prayer, worship. You can start today.

- **Our Father:** grace.
- **Hallowed be thy name:** the character of God.
- **Thy kingdom come:** priorities.
- **Daily bread:** provision.
- **Forgive us our trespasses:** relationships.
- **Deliver us from evil:** protection.
- **Thine is the kingdom:** worship.



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