



The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6

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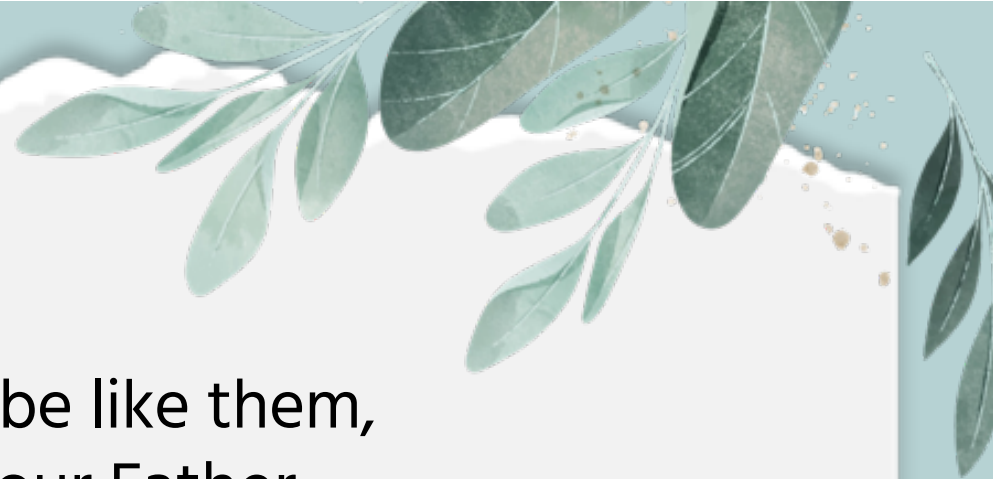
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CONTEXT

A TEXT WITHOUT A CONTEXT IS A PRETEXT



Broad Context

Matthew 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth ...

You are the light of the world ...

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

... unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



Immediate Context: “when you” 6:2, 5, 7, 16



Almsgiving (1-4)

when you ...
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Prayer (5-15)

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Immediate Context: 3 practices



Almsgiving

what we do
with our money
-all that I have



Prayer

what we say
to God - all
that I desire



Fasting

how we treat
our bodies -
all that I am



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Our guide to the
prayers that God hears

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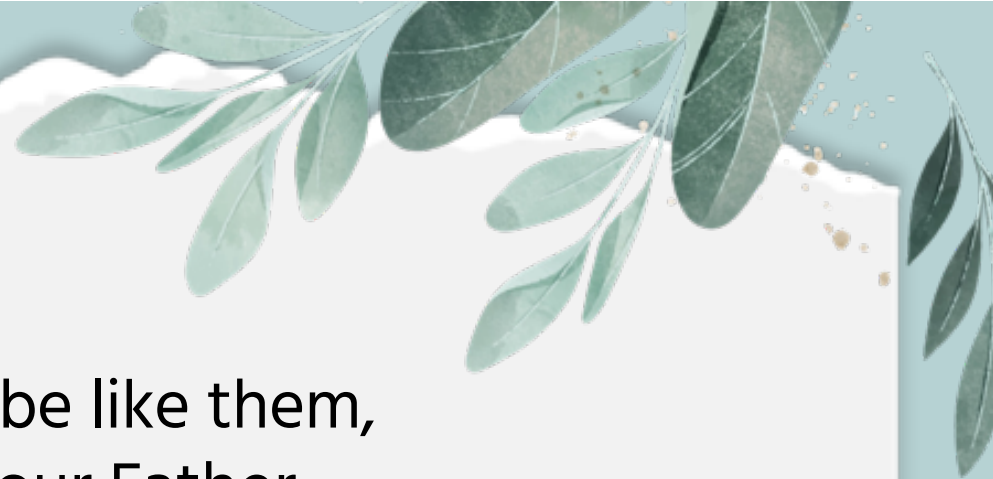
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A Model for Prayer - not our only prayer

01 **Abba, Father**
FAMILIAR & INTIMATE

02 **In Heaven**
TRANSCENDENCE

03 **Your Name**
REVERED

04 **Your Kingdom**
TO ARRIVE

05 **Your Will**
OBEDIENCE

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A Model for Prayer: Simple and Poetic



Your
Name
Kingdom
Will



|Our
Daily Bread
Debts
Trespasses



03

What did you learn?

Share in groups of 3

Summary

Spiritual Habits:

Salt & Light:
Kingdom of
Heaven

Money
Words with God
Physical bodies

Not like:
Pharisees
Gentiles

Requesting
'Your ...'
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Forgiveness
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How will the Lord's
Prayer influence your
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Let's speak with God about it





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