

Worship Service

November 19th, 2017

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school: Divine Ownership (Special Study)
10:40 am	Praises & Worship
10:55 am	Congregational Hymns
11:00 am	Today's Message The Lord's Prayer
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

November Birthdays

Sister Owusu	Nov 15 th
Brother James	Nov 19 th
Sister Stella	Nov 29 th
Sister Josephine	Nov 29 th

Message: The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

I am going to make a dangerous assumption: we all know the Lord's Prayer; we learnt it when we were kids, and we recited it in church, school and other appropriate places. Which is a good thing, I hope today's generation still has that privilege. The problem is that most of us (I include myself in the list) never took time to think through the prayer, it simply became the most appropriate prayer to learn as a child. But, wait, the Lord's prayer is important than that – it is our master and model teaching us to pray because we do not know how we ought to, it is a prayer that helps our infirmities, it is the Lord Himself putting words in our mouth.

- Verse 9: Gives us the title of the one we pray to – He is OUR Father
 - ✓ He is in Heaven – a reminder of our final destination. He is not a god far removed from his people
 - ✓ Hallowed be your name – means your name be sanctified (i.e. we give reverence to you – we approach with reverence)
- Verse 10: We pray for the world to do the will of the Father as it is done in heaven. I.e. obedience and worship to the Father.
- Verse 11 – Jesus is teaching us to pray for the basic needs of life. – one day at a time? What are your basic needs?
- Verse 12 – We are taught to follow the example of our Father. He forgives and we are required to do same

Verse 13 – is not teaching that God leads us into temptation. We are told to pray that our Father should strengthen us in any test we may face, and to prevent us from falling away if He allows the enemy to bring temptation.