

For the week of November 24, 2019

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# A Necessary Prayer

Twelfth week in the series: *Blessed Are*

Matthew 6:5-15

What do we need? Who knows what we need? Do you think you know what you need? What does Jesus have to say about what we need?

## Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think your private praying may differ from your public praying? What sort of advantage might there be to praying in private (not that we shouldn't also pray in public)?
2. What do these words of Jesus mean to you: "your Father knows what you need before you ask him"?
3. How have you seen God give you (or not give you) what you need (or what you think you need)?
4. Notice that Jesus introduces the Lord's Prayer with the word "then": literally, "therefore." Therefore, because your Father knows what you need before you as him, pray "like this." How do you think the Father's knowledge of what we need relates to this prayer in particular?
5. Jesus prayed this aspect of the Lord's prayer in Gethsemane: "your will be done" (Matthew 26:36-46). Considering the outcome of Jesus' prayer, what do you think about praying this aspect of the Lord's Prayer?