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Matthew 6:9-13
Applied Christianity: A Radical Prayer

R_____, Requests, Repentance, and Realization

G_____ u_____ on prayer.

Life has become e_____, so we lack d_____.

Life has become b_____, so we are i_____ d_____.

Life really has n_____ to d_____ with it; we are simply d_____.

G_____ b_____ to prayer:

That c_____ out for the K_____ of God to c_____.

H_____ and n_____ : God's p_____ in
God's p_____ under God's r_____ and b_____.

Y_____ to c_____ : When J_____ comes as
the C_____ K_____.

That c_____ out for God's w_____ to be d_____.

We will w_____ to p_____ Him in a_____ that we do.

He can d_____ with u_____ as He p_____.

We will not be d_____ with a_____ that
h_____ in our lives.

Devotional Thought

Prayer is one of those unbelievably private things. We all do it differently. Yes, there are some similarities in the way we begin, the way we end, and some of the things we say, but every prayer is truly unique. And it should be because we are talking to God about our personal relationship with Him. If you look at it from your own earthly relationships, you know what I'm talking about. Your conversations with your spouse are different from your conversations with your children. If you have multiple children, your conversation with one of them is probably different than your conversation with another.

But Jesus gave us a "manner" in which to pray with the Lord's Prayer. I honestly believe He never intended for us to simply repeat this prayer, and the reason I say that is because you don't see His disciples repeating it in Scripture or directing us to do so. He said, "Pray like this." What exactly does that mean? Everyone who has ever written a book on the Prayer or preached about the Prayer has a different idea as to how we should approach it and what it should look like. I have called it a radical prayer because when we examine each facet of this prayer, Jesus was telling us to pray for something that is radically different from our own human understanding. It goes against the grain of who we are as men and women and challenges us to expand our concept of Who God is.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I really relate to God as my Father? What does that look like?
- Do I understand that He is very near to me while at the same time so much greater than I?
- Do I really want to make His name known and for His will to be done all over the earth? If so, what am I doing to make that happen?