

**Focus: What is our plan?**  
**“The Model Prayer” (George Stewart)**  
**Matthew 6:8-13; Luke 11:2-4**  
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Introduction

- I. The Lord’s Prayer is in John 17. This is the Model Prayer.
- II. If you are satisfied with your prayer life—and think God is—please raise your hand.
- III. Sometimes we think of prayer as a laundry list. But prayer is a necessary relationship with God.
  - A. God desires it and man needs it.
  - B. And Christ’s disciples recognized this (Luke 11:1).
- IV. As a model prayer this prayer contains the essential elements of our communication with God—plus His word. I like to read God’s word first—than pray.

DISCUSSION

- I. There are petitions for God and his glory (vv. 9-10).
- II. There are petitions for ourselves.
- III. We close our prayer with praise to God (doxology).

CONCLUSION

- I. Someone said: “Prayer is dying to self and becoming alive in God.”
- II. Above all else this is a humble prayer—not a ritual. Denominational lady wondered why we did not use this prayer regularly in worship.
- III. It is a prayer, which emphasizes our complete dependence upon God. And it is from our Lord!

**What am I going to do tomorrow as a result of what I hear today?**

Memory Verse for September:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,  
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”  
(Hebrews 12:1 ESV)