

FAITH REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FROM EACH WEEK OF OUR SERIES

2/18 *"Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name."*

- Matthew 6:9

- The prayer that Jesus taught us begins refers to God as "Father." What other names do you use for God and why?
- The Lord's Prayer is written in the plural, "our." "Our" faith is to be lived out with others and for others. How do you do this? How might you do this more?
- If we are Jesus' apprentices, how might you "live out" "our" faith more fully?
- Laborare (to work) orare (pray) est - To work is to pray! How does this Latin phrase help you connect your growing faith and discipleship with living out your faith, putting boots on the ground?

2/25 *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven."*

- Matthew 6:10

- What in the world would you want to see change FIRST, as God's kingdom breaks through on earth?
- Where in the world/town/block do you see God's kingdom breaking through today?
- How would our world look different if God's will was done more frequently on earth as it is in heaven?
- What part can or do you play in making sure God's will is done on earth?

3/3 *"Give us this day our daily bread."*

- Matthew 6:11

- Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." Daily, how are you actively seeking and engaging Jesus: the one who gives us life and sustains our lives?
- How might this verse inspire you to shape or renew a daily practice of time with Jesus?
- How do you or can you participate in helping insure that all God's children have "our daily bread" on their tables for physical nourishment?



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heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen. - Matthew 6:9-13

3/10 *"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."*

- Matthew 6:12

- Do you feel any differently, any lighter, any more peaceful, after letting go of the rocks in your left and right hands?
- When can you take a little time every day to ask God to forgive you of your trespasses as you forgive those who trespass against you?
- How can you be the hands of Jesus this week now that your hands are empty of all of those rocks?
- What can you do to make sure you keep your hands empty of the rocks so that you can receive God's grace and forgiveness and share with others?

3/17 *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

- Matthew 6:13

- Are there places and times in your life that you can look back and see where God "led you" through a tough situation, whether or not you asked God for help?
- "Lead Us" - How, when & in what situations do you need to ask God to "lead you" more: in your personal life and in our community?
- What are ways you can lay a firm foundation to better handle any temptations that might come your way?
- How are you daily deepening your relationship with God?
- Who are the people in your life you can seek counsel from when needed?
- What words can you have ready to counter a situation you might anticipate or be fearful might arise?
- What is another way you can face any temptation from a healthier or stronger vantage point?

3/24 *"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"*

- Matthew 6:13b

- Kingdom Within: The Lord's Prayer reminds us that God's kingdom is on its way, and is, in many ways, already at hand. Where do you experience God's presence in your daily life?
- Kingdom Around Us: The Kingdom of God is not just an internal experience, but also extends to the world around us. Where do you see God's kingdom taking shape in your community? How can you actively participate in building a more just and loving world?
- Kingdom of Gratitude: The invitation to write praises reminds us to express our thankfulness. What are three things you are grateful for today? Take a moment to offer your thanks to God, either silently in your heart or through spoken prayer.
- Kingdom Beyond Words: The Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words (Romans 8:26). Spend some time in silent prayer this week. Allow your feelings and desires to rise.