

## Acts 2:42; Matt. 6:5–13 | Devoted to prayer

### **Study Questions from 26.03.2023 sermon**

#### **The struggle of prayer**

- i. Prayer isn't always easy. The disciples evidently struggled to pray (see Luke 11:1). What do you find most difficult about prayer? Discuss strategies which might help us to overcome these difficulties.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

- ii. Read Matthew 6:5—13. The Lord's Prayer teaches us what prayer is all about. Look at the summary of the teaching of the Lord's Prayer below. Are there any segments which particularly stick out to you? Discuss what is significant about them.
  - “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name” - Prayer is about relational intimacy and presence.
  - “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” - Prayer is about rebellion.
  - “Give us today our daily bread.” - Prayer is about petition and provision.
  - “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” - Prayer is about breathless wonder.
  - “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” - Prayer is about spiritual warfare.

#### **Praying together**

- iii. The Bible is full of occasions where God's people come together to collectively cry out to Him. But praying together is often unpopular in churches (evidenced by low numbers attending prayer meetings). Why do you think this is? Discuss what can be done to excite and enthuse Christians about praying together.

#### **Prayer time**

- iv. Put into practice what you've learned as you pray together!