

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

- All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Leader:** When we are in need, we go to our heavenly Father in prayer. Gathered here together today, let us listen to his words as he speaks to us about prayer through Scripture.
- “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”*
(Matthew 7:7–8)
- The Word of the Lord.
- All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
- Leader:** Let us pause for a moment to think of all the ways you pray. When do you adore Christ? What do you request and how often do you ask for intercession? Do you praise and thank God?
- All:** Lord, teach me to pray.
- Leader:** Jesus gave us the words of prayer. He taught us how to speak to his Father.
- All:** Lord, teach us to pray.

- Leader:** Our Father, who art in heaven,
- All:** Dear God, you are our heavenly Father. You gave us life. Let us enter now into your presence.
- Leader:** Hallowed be thy name.
- All:** We worship you and know you are holy.
- Leader:** Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- All:** Help us know your love and align our will with yours.
- Leader:** Give us this day our daily bread.
- All:** We depend on you.
- Leader:** Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- All:** Give us mercy and make us merciful.
- Leader:** Lead us not into temptation.
- All:** Make us strong in the face of sin.
- Leader:** Deliver us from evil.
- All:** Free us from misery. Amen.
- Leader:** Now let us pray together as Jesus taught us.
- All:** *Our Father, . . .*