

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:2-4

Today, we look again at the Lord's prayer in the second part of our sermon series "Teach us to Pray." Specifically, we'll spend time on these three lines:

1. Your Kingdom Come.
2. May Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
3. Give us each day our daily bread.

Remember, this is all about a relationship with your Creator; He desires a real conversation with you! The details may look a bit different for each of us, but maybe the following will be helpful as you say "yes" to His request to be with you in conversation:

1. Persistence and discipline

Our human nature and our desires to do other things distract us from finding prayer to be a regular, ongoing part of our lives.

What would it look like to pray consistently; not because we have to, but because we want to? Things to try:

- ⇒ Setting a time every morning, over lunch, at night?
- ⇒ Setting a reminder to have a 30-second listening session with God?
- ⇒ Praying at the top of every hour?

2. Prayer is communal

We all have a tendency to be a maverick, to try and get through this life on our own. That seems to be incredibly unbiblical and not the way God intended us to live. Suggestions:

- ⇒ Even if communal prayer may be uncomfortable, at least be open to it, give it a try and see what God does with your semi-willingness!
- ⇒ Look for opportunities to join others in prayer. A good place to start is the LW prayer gathering that happens the first Monday of every month rotating at the OC and SH campuses.

3. Have a bigger picture in mind when we pray

His Kingdom is advancing; it is here, but not yet. It is like a jewel in a field, like a mustard seed that grows, like yeast in bread!

- ⇒ Desire His Kingdom, being content with current circumstances but not so satisfied that we forget the big picture - that this life is short and it isn't all there is; there is something better coming!

4. We have a God who desires to be with us

He won't get sick of us. He won't leave, He won't forsake. Know that you are loved today and that won't change.

- ⇒ Join the online 21-day "How to Pray" study on the YouVersion Bible app. Look on our LW Facebook page where the link is posted or email gdnyenhuis@gmail.com if you can't find it.

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

Fri, Feb 21 - 5:00-8:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Sheldon Living Water Campus. All proceeds will benefit medical expenses incurred before and after Verlicia Eden's kidney transplant. The cost is \$10/person and \$5/children 12 and under. If you are interested in volunteering for this event or would like to contribute a monetary gift to help cover cost of food being prepared, please contact Barb Hibma 712-541-1502, Jo Ann Den Beste 712-341-0135 or Dianne Wolthuizen 712-348-4679.

Next Sunday (16th) - 5:00-8:00pm - Everyone is invited to the Chili Bash - A Chili-making Competition - tasting and judging will begin at 5:00pm. At 6:30, there will be Bingo with a few prizes! You'll hear an update on the Ebenezer Campaign and be able to see what the renovations will look like. Free will donations will go toward the Ebenezer Campaign. **For those who would like some friendly competition, you are invited to sign up for the chili-making competition by contacting Pastor Garry at gdnyenhuis@gmail.com**

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP

10:20am LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God
Meets in Upper Room; watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP - 5 yrs-5th gr

Meets in JAM room (next to kitchen)

Sunday School small groups follow

12:00 dismissal; parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

front of the Worship Center near the cross

11:10am WAVE

Meets in room in SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Fri, Feb 21 - Benefit supper for Verlicia Eden @ SH Campus. Verlicia is waiting for a kidney transplant and the funds will go towards current and future medical expenses. More info at <https://www.supportful.com/verliciastrasplantfundraiser>

July 23-30 - Service Project and Rocky Mountain High for high School students. Living Water students and chaperones will travel with a group from OC Immanuel CRC. For more info and to register, go to <https://synodyouth.org/rocky-mountain-high/>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Feb 10 - 7:00pm - Council Mtg @ OC Campus

Tues, Feb 11 - 7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study @ SH Campus
If interested in attending, contact Nicole Tubergen ncltbrgn@gmail.com or Brittany Negus bklaahsen@gmail.com

Wed, Feb 12 - 6:50-8:50pm - OC Cadets Fun Night @ OCCS
drop off and pickup at OCCS

7:00pm - Overflow (9th-12th gr) @ OC Campus

7:00pm - Men's Bible Study @ SH Bethel Ref Church

Thurs, Feb 13 - 3:30pm - Staff Mtg

Sun, Feb 16 - 5:00pm - Chili Bash - tasting and judging begins
6:30-8:00pm - Bingo, Ebenezer Campaign updates
Free-will donation towards Ebenezer Campaign

EBENEZER CAMPAIGN

After much prayer and consideration, the Living Water Council has identified three priorities for which we have a goal of raising \$300,000 through the EBENEZER CAMPAIGN. Each of us is being asked to prayerfully consider giving to this important campaign for:

⇒ **Education Space in Sheldon for Children's Ministries**

⇒ **Future improvements for Orange City's facility**

⇒ **Debt reduction**

How to Give:

1. **Pledge Card:** fill one out from a brochure, put it in the offering or give it to a council member. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center.

2. **By Check:** write a check with "Building Campaign" in memo, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.

3. **Online:** visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>

4. **Text-to-Give:** Text 84321 and include your amount followed by "building" or "campaign" - either one will get us notified that your gift is for the building projects. If this is your first time, it will take you through the set-up.