

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for October 14+15, 2017  
*God Hears: How to Pray*



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or how from your week**

### Connect

- o Recall a time when you remember praying especially hard. Please share as much or as little detail about the circumstances as you feel comfortable sharing. Do you believe God heard you when you prayed?

**Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
10 your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

**Matthew 6:5-13**

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Have you ever been tempted to make a show of your prayers? Look at Matthew 6:1-4, why does God seem to reward things done in private?
- o Explain how you understand the Lord’s Prayer? When do you remember memorizing it?
- o This prayer has endured as a pillar of the faith across continents, time periods, and during peaceful times and war; Why do you think that is the case? When has this prayer been especially meaningful for you?

### Serve

- o In light of the Lord’s Prayer, ask your CGS community if there are any prayer requests that they have and commit to praying for them over the course of the week. Check-in with your community the following week and see how it went!

**End with the Lord's Prayer**