



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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When taking Anzac and Remembrance Day services chaplains have been asked to use the 1662 version.

Most people know it. This saves confusion with other versions. Many of us know the old version from childhood. We know it by heart. But is repetition enough? Jesus was asked by his friends how to pray and He taught them what we know as the Lord's Prayer.

Reflection:

Spend some time looking at Jesus teaching on prayer. Take each of the phrases, one at a time, and reflect on its message. Maybe suggest a study group at Church to look at the Lord's Prayer in depth? There are many references to Jesus and prayer in the gospels. These are helpful in Bible Study .

Many prayers were just empty phrases and words uttered to impress others with personal piety. His Father was not impressed. Jesus gives them the perfect pattern for all prayer, His prayer, or the Lord's Prayer. He shows his friends the way to praise, make requests, confess wrongs and ask forgiveness, help and strength, from our Heavenly Father (Read Matthew 9 verses 9 to 13).