



***LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY***  
**Renew Your Personal Relationship With God**  
*Sermon by Ray Reynolds (3-21-10 - PM)*

*Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, may your name always be kept holy.'" (Luke 11:2)*

**Introduction:** The heart of our prayer life depends upon our personal relationship to God. Before talking to God we need recognize Him. What do you think about when you pray? We cannot pray effective prayers until we recognize Him! People have struggled with this concept for centuries. Paul reminds us that we have a Mediator (**II Timothy 2:5**) and the Hebrew writer reminds us that Jesus is also our High Priest under this New Covenant. Jesus, of course, brings our prayers up to our heavenly Father. What else can we learn? Let's study together . . . .

**Discussion:**

***I. We Need To Know God***

- A. God is a personal God (**Hosea 6:6**).
- B. God is a loving God (**Deuteronomy 7:9**).
- C. God is a powerful God (**Psalms 126:1-3**).
- D. God is an approachable God (**Romans 8:14-16**).

***II. We Need To Honor God***

- A. God wants us to honor His name (**Exodus 20:7**).
- B. God wants us to honor His work (**Matthew 28:18-20**).
- C. God wants us to honor His position (**II Corinthians 12:3-4**).
- D. God wants us to honor His will (**James 4:13-15**).

***III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics***

- A. There needs to be balance in our prayer life.  
- **Matthew 6:9, I Peter 1:15, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:31**
- B. There needs to be consistency in our prayer life.  
- **I Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 6:7-9, Luke 5:16**

**Conclusion:** As we go through this series we are going to study how to keep in perspective the Lord's will for His church, our daily needs, forgiveness and sin. I hope this series will help us to become even closer to God in our Christian walk. I pray that we will all learn how to become even more spiritual in this world of darkness. God wants us to renew our spiritual walk with Him. It's time to get reacquainted with your Father. Are you ready to start walking with God? Do you need to be renewed? Can we pray with you and for you? Let Him renew you today!!!

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Prayer"**