

**Lord, Teach Us to Pray – “Give Us This Day”
Matthew 7:9-11**

Daily Readings: “Give Us This Day”

This week we come to what some call, “*Gimme Prayer*,” or petitionary prayer – prayer that can change things or circumstances. To understand how petitionary prayer works, we have to see its relationship to the rest of the prayer. In other words, petitionary prayer works. It does change things, but it only works if you understand the instructions Jesus gives us for it.

MONDAY – Read Psalm 84:11; Isaiah 64:24; James 4:2. The Bible is filled with astonishing promises about prayer. Pastor Don said, “There is not one thing for your good that you can ask for that God refuses to give you.” Do you agree? If not, why? What are some examples of “good things” we can ask God for that He would not refuse us? Do these verses give you confidence in petitionary prayer?

TUESDAY – Read Matthew 7:9-11. There has never been a parent who has wanted more joy for his or her child than the joy God wants for us – for His children. Pastor Don asserted that the natural binding of the heart of a parent to the joy a children comes our being made in the image of our Heavenly Father. Do you agree? Does that help you understand God’s heart for His children.

WEDNESDAY – Read Colossians 1:9-14. Petitionary prayer only works if you have perspective of the glory of God. How does Paul’s prayer to the Colossians help change your perspective on God? What are some attitudes or areas of your life that may need to be re-centered on God’s glory and power? How might that re-centering improve your prayers, and make them more effective?

THURSDAY – Read James 4:7-10. Petitionary prayer only works if you humble yourself by seeing God as an all-wise, all-loving heavenly Father. Would you say you have more of a “Genie in a bottle” approach to petitionary prayer, or a “Father-child” approach? Why do you think petitionary prayer needs a “safety-catch”?

FRIDAY – Read 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; Hebrews 5:7-9. How are these two passages examples of how an all-wise and loving heavenly Father took a seemingly “unanswered prayers” and turned them into something better and greater?

SATURDAY – Read John 14:11-14. How does everything you’ve learned about petitionary prayer help you to understand the promise Jesus makes here? How did Jesus model the “Father-child” model for prayer? Do you have a better understanding of how confidence, perspective, humility and reconciliation make petitionary prayer more powerful and effective?



Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer is vital to everything we do at the Wadsworth UMC. In prayer, we do not simply ask for our needs, or the needs of others, to be met, but seek God's presence and ask Him to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In prayer, we enjoy time with God, knowing that He welcomes us as His beloved children.

(Please be sure to update your prayer concerns.)

Please mention these persons and others in your prayers this week.

Hospitalized & Extended Care

Active Duty Military

David Byers

Brian Anderson
Russell Conway
Andrew Hickle
Daniel & Sierra Howard
Jeff Keenan
Jacob McIlvaine
Austin McNamara
Zachary Ramsay
Glenn Schroeder
Alex Staub
Scott Valentine
Michael Wallet
Austin Wolfinger

Hospice Care

Pre-Surgery/Treatment

Michael Satink
Jack Gore
Mary Foote
Jessie Madded
Warren Goldston
Beryl Fisk – broken leg
Leanna Freund – lymphoma
Jack Sensauskas & Family

Medical/Health Concerns

Bob Hasenyager
Frank Tobakos
Sandy Nedoh
Linda Martin
Charlotte Danals

Bereavement & Grief

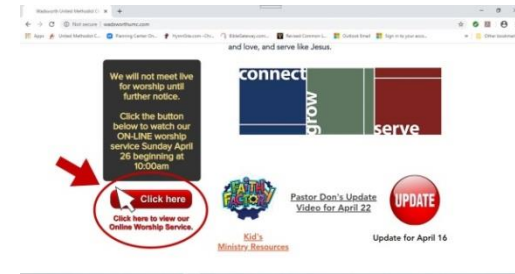
The Family of Joanne McHenry

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

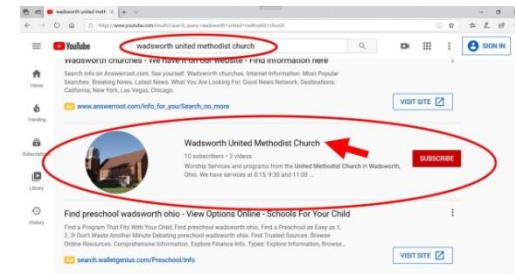
- Psalm 91:15

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