

Jesus' Model for Prayer

by *Pastor Doug*

Pastor David Platt says, *"The primary purpose of prayer is not to get something, but to know Someone."* As we begin our series this month entitled Dangerous Prayers, my prayer for us as a church is that we would learn how vital prayer is for our spiritual growth.

Oftentimes we forget that Jesus was not only a master teacher and miracle worker but also a master "pray-er." Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus praying for others, with others, alone, and in nature. Luke tells us that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. His whole life was soaked in prayer (Luke 5:16).

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches His disciples that prayer begins with a humble heart and right attitude toward God and others (vv. 5-6). Unlike the religious elites, He tells His followers that their heavenly Father answers the prayer of those who understand who they are in light of who God is. We must remember though, as Platt says, that the "reward" is not necessarily getting something, but knowing Someone (v. 6).

Jesus also taught His listeners that their prayer ought to be purposeful. Unlike the pagans who babble with many words, our prayers ought to be properly directed and honestly pronounced (vv. 7-8). In verses 9-13, Jesus concludes his teaching on prayer with a model for us to follow. The Lord's prayer has some great treasures for us to pray daily about. Thanking the good Lord for our daily provisions and seeking forgiveness are just a few highlights in the Lord's prayer.

This month, make it a point to set aside a time and place for consistent prayer. Choose a quiet place where you will be able to silence your mind and quiet your soul so you can dialogue with your heavenly Father.

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: DANGEROUS PRAYER

September 4 — Make Me Bold

September 11 — Speak To Me

September 18 — Break My Heart

September 25 — (Joe Guerra)

October 2 — (Craig Peters)





Mark Your Calendars! If you're crafty and enjoy making things please join us at our first annual Medina Community Church Holiday Craft Fair. We invite you to become one of our vendors and sell your homemade/hand-made with love crafts. Share what you love! Think about things you like to make . . . could be food items, jewelry, holiday items - use your imagination!

Set-up will begin at 8:30 am on November 5th. The cost is \$20 for a vendor space. That money will go to the MCC Helps Fund. There is a sign up sheet at the information table at church and applications will be there also, or just let Becky or Kathy know that you're interested in being a vendor. We can email you the application. Deadline for turning in your application is October 15 .

If you have questions or want to receive an application, please contact Becky Arron at (330) 242-2892 or Kathy Summers at (330) 461-1081 or kathyksummers@gmail.com.



South Town Music Festival

September 24 • 4-8pm

We're looking forward to being a part of this event in the South Town District of Medina. We'll have a stage area with outside music, inflatables, food trucks, and the Magical Train. Come and join our volunteers for the day to make this event a success. Sign up at the church information table.

Lutheran East Gospel Choir

Under the direction of Jonathon Turner | 4:30-5:00 p.m.

MCC Worship Team

Contemporary Christian | 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Joe Guerra

Contemporary Christian | 6-6:45pm

Travelogue w/Jon Sonnenberg

Electronic, Indie | 7-7:45pm

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<https://www.mainstreetmedina.com/south-town-music-festival.html>



Join us for the Ramseyer Farm family event on October 9th. You can purchase discounted tickets for \$15.00 a person at church or the office. Enjoy the afternoon (opens at 1 pm) and then stop by the MCC tent for a hayride at 4:00 pm and cookout at 5:00 pm.

Call or text Donna Spitzer if you have any questions . . . (330) 317-2675



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community meal on **Saturday, September 17th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through ministry. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text Emily Winans at (240) 405-4003.

Men and Women's Bible Studies (Thursdays)

The men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Dave Arron leads this study and they are currently studying the book of 1 Peter.

Ladies Bible study is currently studying a short series by Kay Arthur, ***How Do You Walk The Walk You Talk***. The ladies meet on Thursday evenings at MCC (7:00 pm). Contact Kathy Summers, kathyksummers@gmail.com or (330)461-1081 with any questions.

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