



## Our Daily Bread – Message 3

### Announcements

**Fight Groups** // Men, host a Fight group, starting March 26<sup>th</sup>. This study is a 5-week journey that will equip you to fight the battles you must win; the ones that determine the state of your heart, the quality of your marriages, and the spiritual health of those you love most. Go to [ChurchoftheKing.com/mn](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/mn) to learn more.

### Warm-up

Describe the first time you remember praying. How have you grown in your prayer life since that first prayer?

### Word and Application

Today we continue our third week in the series on The Lord's Prayer. Often a prayer can be a shopping list of needs or worries. Prayer is really a two-way communication between God and us. Prayer brings us closer to God, builds our faith, removes fears and breaks our hearts for what breaks His.

In our culture, we often hear the phrase, "All we can do is pray." That's not what God intended. The power of prayer can transform a situation. Our faith in God should be our first plan of action, not our last resort.

Let's dig deeper with some practical ways to do just that!

### Four "Go-To" Moves

1. From fear to faith

We have peace knowing God is our perfect Father who inhabits our prayer life and removes fears.

**Read Matthew 7:9-11.** Describe a time when you gave a child something they asked for and explain it make you feel? Relate that experience to how much more God wants to bless His children.

2. From worry to works

Faith is displayed either through works through action or by being still. It depends on each given situation. Describe how fighting a battle through works of faith may look entirely different from fighting from the fleshly perspective.

**Read 1 Timothy 1:17-19.** Why do you think Paul writes this particular scripture to Timothy? In today's world, why is so important to contend and fight for our faith? Give some practical examples of what it looks like to fight for our faith daily.

3. From greed to generosity

Jesus is our blueprint to show us how love and generosity are more powerful than greed.

**Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** Sum up this verse in your own words.

God gave Jesus, His one, and only Son, to die for our sins and to empower us with his love. Real power demonstrates love and generosity; it's the opposite of how the world sees power. In short, God's power serves others while worldly power is self-serving. Brainstorm as a group of simple ways to be generous this week.

4. From the here and now to an eternal impact

The willingness of Jesus to suffer for us once has given freedom to all mankind for eternity. We are created in His image and we have the privilege to make eternal differences in the lives of others. Becoming a Christian doesn't mean life will be easy. It does mean we have access to our heavenly Father who knows all things; He leads us to change the world around us forever.

**Read 1 Peter 1:6-7.** How can having this eternal perspective change your prayer life?

How has your perspective changed based on today's lesson? Which principle will you immediately apply in your life?

**Prayer**

Lord, help us to make our move in prayer where we live in God's process, God's purpose and God's provision for our lives and others. Ask God to reveal any situations that we have not brought before him. Pray for specific needs of the group.