

## ***209 What should we be praying for?***

In your church experience, when your leaders have urged the whole church to pray, what has it been about? Yes, national and international emergencies, of course, but what else? What do they ask you to pray for in a sustained way?

For me it has been, “Pray for x-number of specific named people to be saved.”

In the recent resurgence of my faith, the thing I find most difficult is intercessory prayer: what should I be praying for, Lord? What’s most important to you? Lord, please teach me to pray!

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Just 63 very powerful words.

Start rock-solid in your relationship: you are utterly, utterly loved by your heavenly Father.

Your Father is also Sovereign of the Universe; let’s then revere God.

Prime importance? Jesus’ prime motive in his life: bringing God’s kingdom on earth!

What does that kingdom look like? Bread and forgiveness. Just imagine how very, very different the world would be if everyone had enough to eat, and we forgave one another. What a vision!

Evil is very real; help us not to walk into it, but rescue us when it does come to us and to others.

We rest secure in the knowledge that God is King – and always will be. Amen.

This is what I pray for every day. And I walk secure, knowing I have nothing to prove. I’ve never felt more content, knowing that God’s kingdom is here, now, and is growing, like a mustard seed.