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### PRAYER

Father God, we declare that you are our King. The Kingdom and rulership of this world is yours. May you rule in OUR world, as well. All power and glory are yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Have you ever had to lead people whom you found hard to lead? Who was it you led and what were some of the challenges?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>9</sup> "In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.

Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

[MATTHEW 6:9-13](#)

<sup>1</sup> "The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it  
is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my  
heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in  
the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of  
trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon  
a rock. <sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody  
to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who  
have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen  
against me, and they breathe out violence. <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the  
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for  
the Lord! Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have  
risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon  
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

[PSALM 27:1-14](#)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your ability to submit to the leadership of others? Why do you rate yourself this way?
2. In the same way, how would you rate other people's ability to submit to your leadership? Why did you rate them this way?
3. When we hear that God rules the world, do you find it a challenge to see him leading and in charge, given the current state of the world?
4. The writer of Psalm 27 writes about the pursuit he has of God to be with him at all times (especially in verses 4-6). What do you think it means to take time to dwell in the house of the Lord? How can we do this? Would you want to?
5. Do you trust God's rule? Why or why not?
6. If God has all power, all rulership of the Kingdom, and the glory is his, what then does it mean for you if you stay with him?

## PRAYER LIST