

# Great Prayers of the Bible



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## **These Lessons Coming Soon!**

**The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14) March 15-21**

**Jesus in the Garden (Mark 14:32-42) March 22-28**

**The High Priestly Prayer (John 17:9-23) March 29-April 4**

## How to Use This Study Guide

1. Join a small group for Lent, the seven weeks of the study (February 15 to April 4). If you need help finding a small group, contact Laura in the church office. (939-0108 or [Laura@eagleumc.com](mailto:Laura@eagleumc.com))
2. Prior to your group meeting each week, answer the questions and do the prayer exercises found in each of the three segments for each week’s lesson. This isn’t quite “daily” – but the idea is to do one segment each day, allowing more grace for missed days.
3. Meet with your group to discuss and share your thoughts, insights, and questions.
4. Attend worship on Sunday morning to hear a sermon on the scripture and topic you have just studied.

## Introduction

We've probably all heard or been taught that prayer is one of the most important things we do as Christians. It is our communication with God, a primary way of building a relationship with God. This is true. However sometimes the well-meaning people who say and teach these things, fail to take the next step and actually teach their listeners how to pray!

There are many reasons we may not pray, or may not feel comfortable praying. It is the goal of this study to help overcome some of these barriers. The lessons in this study are centered on "Great Prayers of the Bible." While you will read and study these prayers, the core of the study is the actual experience of prayer.

### **Here's how it works:**

- Each week's lesson is divided into three segments. You should plan to do each of these segments on a separate day.
- Each segment asks you to read a passage of the bible, answer a few questions about the passage, and then enter into a time of prayer.
- There is an outline for different prayer focuses in each segment. This is the key part of this study. You don't become an athlete by reading about races. You don't learn to pray by only reading about prayer! If we want to improve and strengthen our prayer lives – we must spend some time actually doing and practicing prayer.
- Following each time of prayer, you are asked to record your thoughts or impressions from the prayer time. This also is critical as it helps you see what you learn, as well as share your experience with your small group.

I personally have learned to see prayer in some new ways as I have been writing this study. The examples of prayer in the Bible have great things to teach us about who God is and what it means for us - human beings - to communicate with him.

It is my hope, and has been my prayer as I write, that these lessons and exercises will strengthen your prayers, introduce new ideas into your life of prayer, and help you to grow stronger in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Smiles,  
Laura Hibberd