

# THE PRESENT WORD

ADULT BIBLE LESSONS

W O R S H I P   L E A F L E T S

The Lord's Prayer is used in most sessions. Refer to this page when so indicated.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (*select a version of the prayer*):

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



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## THE COVENANT CONTINUES

\*Responses are in **bold**.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Joshua 1:9, *BCW*, p. 756

Be strong and courageous;  
**do not be frightened or dismayed,**  
 for the Lord your God is with you  
**wherever you go.**

### HYMN

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (*GtG*, #41)

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
 O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s  
 love:  
 our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
 pavilioned in splendor and girded with  
 praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
 Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
 established it fast by a changeless decree,  
 and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

### SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1–11

**1:1** After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’s assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>“My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the

law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, <sup>11</sup>“Pass through the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for in three days you are to cross over this Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.’”

### BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant’s Book, p. 2, and Leader’s Guide, p. 3.

## PRAYER

*(A time of silence may follow each petition.)*

Called to be ministers of reconciliation,  
welcome, compassion, and trust,  
let us pray for all in need, saying,  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For all life, that our thanks and praise to you,  
Creator and Guide,  
can be seen in all we do.  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For Earth and all its creatures:  
sparrows and all birds,  
lilies of the fields and grasses large and small,  
waterways, mountain ridges, valleys filled  
with reeds,  
fish and mammals, insects and microbes,  
that each day we honor our dependence on  
your creation.  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the courage to live out your  
commandments  
graciously and without reservation.  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

## DISMISSAL

Servants of God, strive only for what is good.  
**Let the Holy Spirit calm our fears.**  
Your reward will be peace.  
**Amen.**

*FOWWC-A2, pp. 8–10, adapted*

For those chosen to govern peoples and  
nations,  
that they rule with wisdom to promote the  
welfare of their people  
and the courage to work toward justice for  
everyone.  
Where tensions threaten to destroy lives,  
may your calm prevail.  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from any form of  
oppression,  
that their tormentors learn to fear God's will  
and follow God's love.  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with single-minded focus on you, O  
God,  
help us to see what is eternal in the present,  
free us from worry so that we recognize your  
love;  
we pray in the name of the one who is the  
light of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*FOWWC-A2, p. 10, adapted*