

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
Life together – Rich Devotional Life – 2. Prayer

1. What does your own prayer life reveal about what you really think of God?
2. Is it a problem if we don't pray very much? Why?
3. Read Matthew 6:25-34 and 7:7-11. How is God a Father to us? What does this mean for prayer?

Spend some time praising God for his character as revealed in those two passages in Matthew

4. When Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in Luke 11:1-4, he begins by asking for God's purposes to be carried out. Brainstorm quickly in your group some of God's purposes for our world, our church, our suburbs?

Spend some time praying for God's purposes to be carried out

5. What does Paul pray for according to Romans 10:1, 15:30, 2 Cor 13:7-9, Eph 1:16ff, 6:18, Phil 1:9? Where do these things fit in your own priorities for prayer for others? Why?

Spend some time praying for others using Paul's prayers as your guide

6. Read James 4:1-10. What is wrong with the prayers of the people James is writing to? How do you see your own sinfulness affecting your prayers? Are there things you need to repent of?

Spend some time repenting of the way your sinfulness has affected your prayers and ask God to deliver you from the temptation not to pray

Use the episode in Jesus life in Luke 17:11-19 about the 10 lepers to then spend some time praying in thanks for what God has done in your life and the life of our church.

7. Read Ephesians 6:18-20. Do you find it difficult to find enough time and a quiet enough place away from interruptions for your prayer times? Why? Is it because your life is too busy, or are there conflicting loyalties you prefer to ignore?
8. What can you do practically to pray more frequently and to be better prepared for prayer times when they come?