## Series: Lord's Prayer, #3

## How Do We Ask?

## "Give us today our daily bread" Matthew 6:11

The Lord's Prayer – the 'longer version' (ending with Thine is the Kingdom) begins and ends with the same element, which is

What does that teach us about prayer?

Note that the remaining four elements are all petitions:

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Do you find it easy to ask for something? Why or why not?

"You do not have, because you do not ask God" James 4:2

"When you ask you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives" James 4:3

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" Hebrews 4:16

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" Philippians 4:6

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" Psalm 37:4

"Ask and it will be given to you... for everyone who asks, receives" Matt. 7:7-8

Reflection: List things you really desire, but have not asked God for -