



## Series Summary: Lifeline

*Lifeline* is a seven-week series designed to deepen the congregation's understanding of prayer as a foundational "lifeline" to God. Using the structure of the Lord's Prayer, each week addresses a unique aspect of prayer, linking it to specific ways of Jesus. The series encourages believers to see prayer not only as a means of asking for God's provision but as a way of cultivating a close, transformative relationship with Him. Through each theme, participants are invited to explore how prayer shapes their identity in Christ and aligns them with God's will.

### Weekly Themes and Key Messages:

#### 1. **The Way of Prayer**

Opening with Jesus' model of prayer in Matthew 6:5-8 and Luke 11:1-4, this introductory week teaches that prayer is a simple, open conversation with God. We learn that Jesus prayed often and with purpose, inviting us to do the same by bringing our whole selves to God in prayer.

#### 2. **The Way of the Father**

Focusing on God's character as a loving Father (Matthew 6:9), this week emphasizes that prayer is based on trust in God's goodness. When we "ask, seek, and knock" (Matthew 7:7-12), we approach a Father who hears and desires to respond out of love.

#### 3. **The Way of the Kingdom**

In this message, believers are challenged to pray for God's will above their own (Matthew 6:10). Through surrender, we recognize that God's reign is over all, and praying for His kingdom prioritizes His plans, shaping our desires in line with His purpose.

#### 4. **The Way of Provision**

Based on Matthew 6:11, this message encourages believers to bring their needs to God with confidence, trusting that He provides "daily bread" for our physical and spiritual needs. Asking in faith (Matthew 21:22), we rely on God's faithfulness and His care for our well-being.

#### 5. **The Way of Forgiveness**

This week emphasizes the need to both receive and extend forgiveness (Matthew 6:12), reflecting Jesus' ultimate act of reconciliation. As forgiven people, believers are invited to

embody grace, healing relationships and honoring God's mercy.

#### 6. **The Way of Guidance**

Praying for deliverance from temptation (Matthew 6:13) encourages believers to seek God's strength in moments of struggle. Inspired by Jesus' example of resisting temptation, the message underscores the importance of vigilance and relying on God's guidance.

#### 7. **The Way of Worship**

Concluding with worship, this message recognizes that "the kingdom, the power, and the glory" belong to God alone (Matthew 6:13b). Through praise, we acknowledge God's sovereignty and honor Him as the creator, inviting worship to be central to our lives.

### **Key Goals:**

This series aims to cultivate a deeper, more intentional prayer life within the congregation by:

- Teaching the structure and purpose of prayer as modeled by Jesus.
- Encouraging trust in God's character as a loving Father.
- Inspiring believers to align their desires with God's will and kingdom.
- Emphasizing the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation in our relationship with God and others.
- Reinforcing vigilance against temptation and reliance on God's guidance.
- Inviting worship as a response to God's glory and sovereignty.

By the end of the series, believers will be equipped to engage in meaningful prayer that transforms their relationship with God and aligns their lives with His purpose.

### **Series Description:**

An important step on our year-long Ways of Jesus journey is to become people with a real and present prayer life. People who spend time with God, hear from Him, and allow their lives to be transformed by his presence. But powerful and effective prayer can feel elusive, mysterious, and complex. Join us for our series, Lifeline, as we learn about the beautiful simplicity of how Jesus teaches us to pray, practical ways we can pray in our daily lives, and the change we can expect when we stay connected to God.

### **Series Assets:**

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- Bumper Videos (Different each week)
- Countdown Video
- Fonts Used
- Lower Thirds
- Other Graphics

- Series Graphics
- Series Resources
- Scripts (by Week)
- Outlines (by Week)

\*\*\*These downloadable assets are FREE for your church to use. If you need any adjustments to the graphics to better fit your church's needs, please contact Jamison Advertising Group (JAG), the company behind these beautiful designs. They'll be happy to help with edits or customizations. Reach out to them at <https://jaghq.com>. \*\*\*

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## Week 1: The Way of Prayer

### Description

Ever feel like prayer is one of those things you should do more, but you're not sure you're "doing it right"? This week, we're kicking off *Lifeline: The Way of Prayer*—a summer series that's all about taking the mystery (and maybe some of the frustration) out of prayer. We're starting with the Lord's Prayer, breaking it down to find real, practical ways to connect with God. And to make it even better, Pastor James brought in his longtime friend and prayer warrior, Bryan Sederwall, to help guide us. Whether you're a prayer pro or just getting started, this is a no-pressure invitation to discover the power and purpose of prayer. Join us, and let's dive into the kind of prayer that brings peace, power, and maybe even a laugh or two along the way.

### YouTube

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## Week 2: The Way of Father

### Description

In this week's message, we're digging into what it means to call God "Our Father." Not the distant, overly formal idea of "Father" that might make you think twice—but a close, caring, always-consistent Father who invites us to cast our anxieties on Him, no strings attached. If the word "father" has ever been a loaded one for you, this message is for you. Jesus shatters the stereotypes, revealing a God who's loving, ever-present, and powerful enough to handle anything we bring His way. Let's trade the misconceptions and discover the peace of trusting our Father in the way Jesus taught us.

## YouTube

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## Week 3: The Way of Kingdom

### Description

Ever feel a little lost in translation when it comes to prayer? Like trying sweet tea in Texas when you expected soda—prayer can feel like a whole different culture sometimes. This week, we're getting real about what it means to pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done" and why Jesus taught us to pray with this mindset. Here's the kicker: prayer isn't about bending God to our will, but aligning ourselves with His. We're talking peace, trust, and surrender, even when things feel uncertain—like a job opportunity, a big diagnosis, or your kid's tryout for cheer captain. Join us as we explore what it looks like to be fully present with God, let go of control, and be part of His work here and now.

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## Week 4: The Way of Provision

### Description

Ever feel like keeping it all together has become a second full-time job? This week, we're diving into what Jesus meant when He taught us to pray for "daily bread." Spoiler: it's not just about carbs, but about asking for God's help in real-time, right where we need it. We'll tackle our habit of trying to solve everything ourselves, whether it's finances, relationships, or just making it through the day. What if we could actually trust God to help? This message is all about asking in faith, letting go of our control, and opening ourselves up to provision that's beyond what we could pull off alone. Let's go there together and see how praying raw, concrete, and bold prayers can change the way we live.

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## Week 5: The Way of Forgiveness

### Description

This week in *The Way of Forgiveness*, we're getting real about one of the toughest calls Jesus makes in the Lord's Prayer: forgiving others. It's easy to say, "God, forgive me," but it's another thing entirely to say, "and I'll forgive them too." With some humorous stories about hamster surprises and forgiveness practice in marriage, we'll unpack what forgiveness is (and isn't). Spoiler: it's not about excusing or forgetting. It's about letting go, in spite of the hurt. If you're holding on to grudges or just letting an "I don't care" attitude slide, this message is for you—because forgiven people forgive. Join us and see how releasing forgiveness might just lighten your load!

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## Week 6: The Way of Guidance

### Description

This week, we're diving into a question that might feel like a curveball: "What does it mean to ask God not to lead us into temptation?" Turns out, there's no one-liner answer for this part of the Lord's Prayer—it's got layers. We're talking about how temptation, choices, and guidance shape us, and yes, how even the pros (Bible scholars!) wrestle with these ideas. We'll see how Jesus, who faced temptation himself, teaches us not to feel shame in asking for help but instead to lean on God's guidance. So if you're ready to explore the messiness of life choices with some laughs, a few awkward confessions, and a reminder that God's got our backs no matter what—we'll see you there!

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## Week 7: The Way of Worship

### Description

This week, we're wrapping up our Lifeline series with a powerful look at *The Way of Worship*—that final, climactic part of the Lord's Prayer where we declare that "the kingdom, the

power, and the glory” belong to God alone. Worship isn’t just something we do on Sundays; it’s about centering our whole lives on God’s greatness. If you’ve ever wondered how worship connects us to God’s sovereignty and purpose, or why it’s more than just singing, this message will answer that and then some! So come ready to discover how worship can be your lifeline in every part of life—because honoring God changes everything.

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