

# *the* TAKE HOME 10.18.15

**Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 9:9-13** P 685 Pew Bible

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

## **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

- What is your biggest struggle with prayer?
- How might scripture help you with this struggle?
- What part of the Lord's model prayer stands out to you today?
- How does it speak to you that Jesus used Old Testament scripture as a basis for His model prayer?
- Prayer is "exchanging wishes with the Lord...switching our human wishes and ideas for His wishes as He divinely persuades us." How will this understanding help your prayer life?

## **Application Points**

- Take a prayer of the Bible and pray it as your own.
- Place your name in scripture where appropriate.
- Allow the scripture to prompt you to prayer on a word or phrase.
- Allow the stories of scripture to shape your prayer.
- Use scripture to pray for others.
- Pray a New Testament prayer for your church.

## **Prayers**

- Our church leaders
- Our Transition Team
- Operations Christmas Child
- Wow: Women's Conference
- Those affected by floods in South Carolina
- Those affected by the shooting in Oregon