



# Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

**March 3, 2010**  
**The Heart's Cry to a  
Loving Father – Part II**  
Today's teaching lecture  
from *Matthew 6: 11-15* is by  
Gretchen Steer

Dear Friends,

This week we look at the second half of the Lord's Prayer. Last week Jann gave us some background and then took us through the first three petitions of this familiar prayer. But the danger with familiarity is that we tend to not think deeply about what we're saying. If the Lord's Prayer really is a heart's cry to a loving Father, then it's something we ought to ponder when we're reciting it.

The last three petitions of this prayer concern our human needs, as physical and spiritual creatures: the need for sustenance, the need for forgiveness, and the need for protection from Satan.

Almost every week I have to throw out some old piece of bread or something from my refrigerator that we didn't get around to eating in time. I usually throw the bread out the back door so that the forest creatures that live around our house can make use of it. Later on I'll see tracks of squirrels and field mice, turkeys and smaller birds, deer, bunnies and raccoons. Imagine...having so much food that we can actually throw it out when it's less than perfect. That kind of abundance tends to make us forget that we must look to God every day for the food he gives us. Just because it's sitting in the refrigerator, I don't want to forget that he provided it. Yet if the supply is suddenly interrupted, as it has been for thousands in Haiti and in Chile, we would be desperate to know where our next meal, or clean water, was coming from.

It's so hard not to take for granted what has always been there. *"Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being? declares the LORD."* (Isaiah 66:2) I pray that I will not forget where my daily bread comes from.

Your friend, Gretchen Steer

If you are ***new to Women's Bible Study today***, please visit us at the registration table so we can place you in a small group (AM) or at a table group (PM).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Devoted Hearts* annual women's conference is April 23-24, 2010, at Autumn Ridge. Tickets and registration are available through Christos BookCenter or online [www.devotedheartsrochester.com](http://www.devotedheartsrochester.com). Tickets are \$39 until March 31 and \$44 after this date. Optional box lunch is an additional \$6. Buy 10 tickets and get one FREE! Consider attending with your small group.

*Next Wednesday, March 10, Michelle Harris will be teaching from Psalm 51 on the Heart's Cry of Repentance.*

**All of our weekly materials are available at** <http://autumnridgechurch.org/adult/women/womens-bible-study.html>. Or contact ARC Women's Ministry and WBS Administrative assistant Michelle Johnson at 288-8880 or [marthatooh@hotmail.com](mailto:marthatooh@hotmail.com) or e-mail us at [wbs@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:wbs@autumnridgechurch.org).

**Inclement weather policy reminder:** If the Rochester Public Schools are canceled or start late on any Wednesday, WBS AM AND PM are both cancelled for that day.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

- **Feb. 22 - March 21, Sharing Hope** Small Group and congregational informational meetings, followed by weekends of prayer, commitment and celebration.
- Family Camp Registration is currently taking place in the ministry center during weekend services. Dates for camp this year are July 31-Aug. 6. Please contact Mark Foley with any questions at 286-9245.
- **March 1-23 Pictures** for the new church directory take place in Timothy chapel.
- **March 5, 7:30 PM Aaron Shust in concert at ARC.** Tickets \$20 general, \$30 gold seating available at Christos BookCenter.

*The Heart's Cry to a Loving Father – Part 2*

Matthew 6:11-15

Gretchen Steer



"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

*O Thou who art the only-begotten Son, teach us, we beseech Thee, to pray, 'OUR FATHER.' We thank Thee, Lord, for these Living Blessed Words which Thou hast given us. We thank Thee for the millions who in them have learnt to know and worship the Father, and for what they have been to us. Lord! it is as if we needed days and weeks in Thy school with each separate petition; so deep and full are they. But we look to Thee to lead us deeper into their meaning: do it, we pray Thee, for Thy Name's sake; Thy name is Son of the Father.*

*Lord! Thou didst once say: 'No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whom the Son willeth to reveal Him.' And again: 'I made known unto them Thy name, and will make it known, that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them.' Lord Jesus! reveal to us the Father. Let His name, His infinite Father-love, the love with which He loved Thee, according to Thy prayer, BE IN US. Then shall we say aright, 'OUR FATHER!' Then shall we apprehend Thy teaching, and the first spontaneous breathing of our heart will be: 'Our Father, Thy Name, Thy Kingdom, Thy Will.' And we shall bring our needs and our sins and our temptations to Him in the confidence that the love of such a Father cares for all. Blessed Lord! we are Thy scholars, we trust Thee; do teach us to pray, 'OUR FATHER.' Amen.*

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**I. Praying for the Needs of Our Body**

For each day

For us

For action

**II. Praying for the Needs of Our Soul**

For each day

For us

For action

**III. Praying for the Needs of Our Spirit**

For each day

For us

For action

**IV. What can we expect to happen?**

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