



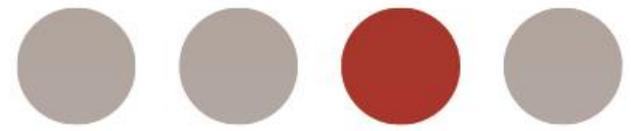
# That Poor Fig Tree



**MARK**









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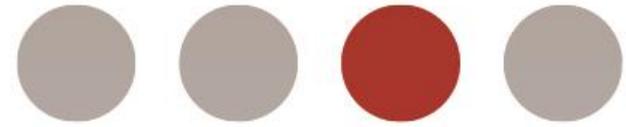
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# The Lord's Prayer



## Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

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but deliver us from evil.



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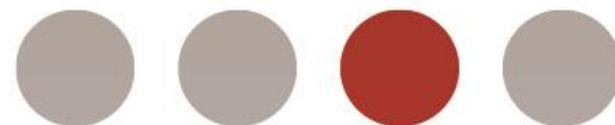
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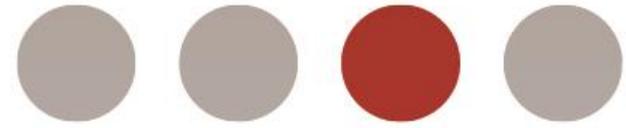


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**This week, write out our prayers.**