SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS APRIL 11, 2021

PRAYERFUL COMMUNION WITH OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN MATTHEW 6:9

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

As a child of God you can begin every prayer knowing your heavenly Father's paternal and powerful care for you.

- I. The Father's Paternal Care
- II. The Father's Powerful Care

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1. What encouragement can you draw from God's giving you the privilege of calling him "Father"?
- **2.** How does knowing that it's "our" Father and not merely "my Father" make a difference to how you pray the Lord's Prayer?
- **3.** How would you respond to someone who tells you they can't pray this prayer because of their experience with their father growing up?
- **4.** Why must we avoid using this prayer mechanically or in a rote way without heart or even thought? How would you respond to a Roman Catholic or someone else who use this prayer mechanically?

FURTHER READING: 1 Kings 8; Ezra 9; Neh 1; Neh 9; Isa 49:15; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6; Phil 4:6