

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

CONNECTION POINT: The church can pray for people in their community and world.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Prayer is far more than bringing our needs and requests to God, but that is where we often start. Jesus gave us a different approach. In the Model Prayer, the prayer is essentially half over before a single personal request is made. The beauty of this prayer is that once we've focused on God—seeking His honor and focusing on His lordship and will—we are in the best mindset to present our daily needs to Him.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

**MATTHEW 6:11B;
ISAIAH 38:1-6,15-17**
Praying for Ourselves

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Take your needs to God daily and trust Him to answer.

- What are some things you pray for on a daily basis? Are these needs or wants?
- What keeps us from taking our needs to God?
- Why pray if God already knows what we need?
- When have you seen God answer a prayer in a powerful way?
- How does our faith influence prayer? How does prayer impact our faith?
- How do you react when God answers your prayers?
- How does God use our prayer life to get us where He wants us to be?

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Our sin separates us from God, but through Jesus' sacrifice, we are allowed to enter God's presence. Discuss with your student any sin that may be separating him or her from God.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student what he or she needs you to pray for. Share something with your student that he or she can pray for on your behalf.
- **CULTURE:** Pray together on behalf of a friend or neighbor that is hurting and needs God to meet his or her needs.