

The Lord's Model Prayer

Matthew 6

How do you talk to God?

When you pray . . . go into your room and pray to your Father who is unseen.

When you pray . . . do not keep on babbling for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

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Our Father in Heaven

- God is our heavenly Father if we have been **re-born**, by God giving us a **clean heart**, when we give Him our **dirty heart**.
- This means we have been **adopted** and can call God our **Daddy** (Rom. 8:15). Though Jesus had God the Father as His eternal Father, Jesus was adopted by his earthly father, Joseph.
- **Who** do you pray to? We pray to God our Father in Heaven, who created the Heavens and the Earth. (Remember the 1st and 2nd Commandments)
- **Where** is God? God is everywhere, but he is reigning (in charge) from Heaven (Dan. 4:35).

Hallowed be your name

- What does **holy** mean? Set apart and pure (clean).
- We stand in **Awe** of God and **worship** Him because He is Holy, Holy, Holy.
- May my life **reflect** who God is as I bear his name (Col. 2:12) and **represent** God to everyone around me (I Tim. 4:12, I Cor. 2:15). (Remember the 3rd Commandment)

Your kingdom come

- God is the **King** of His kingdom (Mark 1:15).
- May His kingdom increase more and more **in my life**.
- May His kingdom increase more and more **on this earth**.
- May I **not** build **my kingdom** or any man's kingdom (Js. 4:4).

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

- His will is **righteousness** everywhere (Dan. 4:35), and it will be accomplished based on God's **rescue** mission—when He sent Jesus to die and be raised again to life (Phil. 2:5-11).
- What is righteousness? *Right living.*
- God wants all peoples to **worship** Him in Spirit and in truth, to **repent** of their sins, to spread His **glory** until Jesus returns.
- He has given mankind a real **choice** to reject His enemies: (1) our old nature that wants to sin, (2) the world that rejects his reign, and (3) Satan's messengers (Matt. 4:10)

Give us this day our daily bread

- God **provides** our physical and spiritual needs.
- We are always **trusting** Him for the things we need every day.
- All our needs are met in **Jesus** who is the bread of life (Matt. 4:1-4, John 6:35).

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

- Even though we have received forgiveness for being a sinner (Rom. 8:1), we still ask God for the forgiveness of our daily sins of selfishly breaking God's law.
- We willingly forgive others when they hurt us, because we are so grateful that Jesus took our place of punishment on the cross.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- We can ask God to keep us **safe** from our enemies, especially Satan's spiritual forces.
- "Call on me in the day of trouble, **I will deliver you**, and you will glorify me." Psalm 50:15.

For yours is the kingdom & the power & the glory forever. Amen.

We say **Amen** and believe that God has heard our prayer and trust that He is always actively taking care of us as His people.