



**Series Title: Put a Word On It**

**Lesson Title: The Lord's Prayer**

The disciples recognized the power of prayer and they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. They heard Jesus pray and they wanted to pray in a way that would get results. Jesus taught them what we call today the Lord's Prayer.

**Matthew 6:9-13**

**9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

**11 Give us this day our daily bread.**

**12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## **The Meaning of the Lord's Prayer**

### **1. Our Father**

This opening phrase establishes a personal and intimate relationship between the believer and God. "Father" is a personal term that reveals how accessible God is to us. He is not a distant, separated God but rather a Father who has a vested interest in His children.

## 2. Which art in heaven

“Which art in Heaven” recognizes that God is **not** an earthly Father, and that His Being is radically different from ours and it allows us to praise His Greatness.

We should recognize the loving Father as the one true God, the creator and ruler of the universe. God resides in Heaven, but He is omnipresent and His presence can be felt in any place. He is all-knowing and powerful.

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## 3. Hallowed be Thy name

We honor God’s name above every name and recognize it as holy and majestic. You are saying that God’s name is a holy name that should be revered, honored, and respected. When we understand how great and holy God is, it should cause us to respond with praise and worship.

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## 4. Thy Kingdom Come

God is looking for people to partner with Him in seeing His will done on the earth.

“**Thy Kingdom Come**” expresses a desire for God’s divine plan to prevail on the earth, aligning human intentions with God’s purpose.

God’s desire is that we seek His kingdom first above all else because everything we need is in Him.

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## 5. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven

Jesus taught us to pray that just as God’s will is done in heaven – perfectly and completely – His will should be carried out here on the earth.

We pray asking for God to move us to do His will throughout our life. That means doing all the things that will please our Father — Volunteering your time, loving people, being obedient, living a righteous life, giving in your tithing, giving up a parking space or not calling a person to spread some juicy gossip.

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## **6. Give us this day our daily bread**

Here we're recognizing that everything we need comes to us from God. We are to ask God in prayer to order our steps in His Word and to meet our spiritual and physical needs each day. God is our Provider.

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## **7. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors**

This is a tough one. It may be easy for us to ask God to forgive us our "debts" or sins, but God in his infinite wisdom teaches us that in order for Him to forgive our wrongdoings, we must first forgive those who hurt us.

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## **8. And lead us not into temptation**

Here, we are asking our Father to keep us away from the temptation to sin.

He has promised that he will not let us face temptation beyond what we can bear. He is always ready to make a way for us to escape temptation.

We must stay in tune with the Holy Spirit's guidance to avoid anything that will tempt us to sin.

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## **9. But deliver us from evil**

Evil is an unfortunate reality in our world. The devil is always trying to tempt us and makes it his full-time job to look for ways to steer us from the right path and onto the wrong one. The devil has no power over God and when we pray to God for protection against all that is evil, He will shield us — always.

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## **10. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever.**

We are acknowledging His Lordship and greatness and that all power is in His hand forever.

## Conclusion

Overall, the Lord's Prayer is a comprehensive model for Christian prayer, encompassing elements of praise, submission, petition, forgiveness, and spiritual protection. It serves as a guide for believers to approach God with humility, reverence, and trust, while also expressing their deepest spiritual needs and desires.

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### Assignment

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be given an assignment to write the missing words in the following passage of scripture, **Matthew 6:9-13**

#### **Fill in the blanks:**

Our \_\_\_\_\_ which art in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ be thy \_\_\_\_\_.  
Thy \_\_\_\_\_ come. Thy \_\_\_\_\_ be done in \_\_\_\_\_, as it is in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Give us this \_\_\_\_\_ our daily \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ us  
our \_\_\_\_\_, as we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ us not into  
\_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_: For \_\_\_\_\_ is  
the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, for  
\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.