

Jesus really wants us to use the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for our prayers.

There are two halves to the Lord's Prayer. The first half presents three "vertical" requests. They reflect the Father's purposes. The pronoun here is "Your." The second half presents four "horizontal" requests. They reflect our need. The pronoun here is "us." These are not a series of unconnected requests.

The two boxes on the back panel of this brochure (to the right of these words) offer ways to use the relationship between these two halves in prayer. Begin with the numbered requests on the left side of each box. Use the transition words "so that" or "by". Then use a lettered statement from the right side of each box to finish your prayer.

For example, "Lord, please give me what I need for this day so that Your will will be accomplished." Or, "Lord, let Your kingdom come by giving us our daily bread." This will give you 24 fresh ways to pray from this prayer.

As you pray in this manner you will find that the "us" requests are not really about us! They are ultimately about His desires, His requests being fulfilled through us.

On the inside portion of this brochure you will find an extensive summary of other aspects of this prayer.

1. Give us our daily bread
2. Forgive us as we forgive others
3. Lead us not into temptation
4. Deliver us from the evil one

So that

- A. Your Name will be holy (to me)
- B. Your Kingdom will come (in me)
- C. Your will will be done (by me)

1. Let Your Name be holy (to me)
2. Let Your Kingdom come (in me)
3. Let Your will be done (by me)

On earth as it
is In heaven

By

- A. Giving us our daily bread
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LIVING PRAYER:

Using The Prayer

I have had years of good theological studies. I have been influenced by some great followers of Jesus. I have read some great books. But nothing has altered my life like taking Jesus' instruction on prayer seriously.

For many years I have asked the Holy Spirit to tutor me by using this prayer. It has not only changed my prayer life, it has changed my entire life. I have not tried to find a new way of praying. Rather, I have tried to listen to the old way of praying. The way Jesus taught His disciples.

I invite you to take His instructions on this vital topic far more seriously than you ever have before. I would love it if you let me know how it goes.

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Using the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for your own personal times of prayer

This page is designed as a summary for those who have attended the *Living Prayer Seminar*.

Note: The words of the prayer itself are written IN CAPS. The seven requests in 14 words are **highlighted in bold**.

The *first half* of the prayer reflects the three big desires and requests of God. We see this from the key pronoun ("Your") and the related nouns.

The prayer	Expansion	The prayer	Expansion	Where (it is transferable)	When (it is "right now")	Prepositions	"So that" it can	Key thoughts	Key Scriptures
LET YOUR NAME	Your character, reputation, nature, etc.	BE HOLY	Be revealed, revered and received	ON EARTH - In my world: my surroundings and circumstances.	THIS DAY - These words moves the prayer from historical appreciation	To me (and the others I am praying for)	Be holy <i>through me</i> (and the others...)	His name is already holy in heaven. Earth is the place of need. He greatly values His name!	Ex 20:7; 20:24; Ps 79:9; Jn 17:6; 17:26
LET YOUR KINGDOM	Your rule, authority, government, etc.	COME	Be established, expanded, and embraced	In me, my family, my community, my coworkers, my friends, my country, etc... AS IT IS IN HEAVEN	to present application. "Each day and all throughout the day. In everything that happens today."	In me (and the others I am praying for)	Come <i>through me</i> (and the others...)	The kingdom is simply that place where Jesus is welcomed as King. It is both "here and now and there and then."	Matt 6:33, 13:1-52 Rom 14:17
LET YOUR WILL	Your desires, purposes, plans, etc.	BE DONE	Be understood accomplished and accepted			By me (and the others I am praying for)	Be done <i>through me</i> (and the others...)	His will is best expressed in His commands. The two great "love" commands are the best expression of His will.	Matt 22:36-40; Eph 5:10; 5:17; 1 Thess 5:16-18

The *second half* of the prayer reflects the four big needs of mankind. We see this from the key pronoun ("us") and the related verbs.

The prayer	God's nature	Our need for	The prayer	Explanation and Expansion
GIVE US	He is the best giver ever!	Provision	OUR DAILY BREAD	This is a daily reminder that we are totally dependent upon Him (Jn 15:5b). All we can do is ask. "Bread" reminds us of 1) Physical needs 2) Non-physical needs 3) Daily rations with commands 4) Receiving daily "manna" from His Word 5) <i>Jesus is the bread we need most</i>
FORGIVE US	He is the best forgiver ever!	Pardon	AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS	We all need this line because we have all sinned and we have all been sinned against. On 7 occasions (Matt 6:12; 6:14; 6:15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; 11:4; and especially Matt 18:21-35) Jesus emphasizes the truth that our forgiveness of others is essential as his followers.
LEAD US	He is the best leader ever!	Direction	NOT INTO TEMPTATION	This is a daily reminder that we need His leadership. He loves to lead His people (Ex 15:13). This is not teaching that God wants us to be tempted and our prayers will protect us. But rather that real prayer is <i>alignment with His will</i> , which is always good. God does not tempt us. There are key differences between temptation and testing. The primary request here is that He would lead us. This is the part of the request we should focus on. (Ps 23:2-3).
DELIVER US	He is the best deliverer ever!	Protection	FROM THE EVIL ONE	We can pray for ourselves and others the way Jesus did in John 17:11 and 15. There is an evil one who is stronger than we are but not as strong as He is! (See 1 John 4:4) We should not underestimate him or overestimate him. We can use the same weapon Jesus used to be delivered from the evil one - God's Word. (See Mat. 4:1-11 - i.e. Rom 6:11-14; 1 Cor 10:13; Heb 4:12-16).

Note: We begin by approaching God as OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, and we conclude with the confident expression that it is all about His KINGDOM, POWER, AND GLORY!
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