

The Role of the Trinity in the Lord's Prayer

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all involved in our prayers. And each has a role that's reflected in this prayer. This chart below reflects some understanding of each of their roles in this prayer.

Though the statements here are not written in the form of prayers, you can easily turn them into prayers by expressing thanksgiving for each of these truths, or by offering specific praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for what you see here.

| <i>The Prayer:</i> | <i>The Father...</i> | <i>The Son...</i> | <i>The Holy Spirit...</i> |
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| <i>Our Father...</i> | Is the object of the prayer. | Is the author of the prayer. | Is the initiator and expander of the prayer. |
| <i>in heaven...</i> | reminds us of His home and our real home. | is building a home for us. | accompanies us while we're away from home. |
| <i>Let Your name be holy...</i> | tells us the value of His name. | shows us the value of His name. | leads us to value His name. |
| <i>Let Your kingdom come...</i> | "births" us into His kingdom. | is the King of the kingdom. | guides us as we live in the kingdom. |
| <i>Let Your will be done...</i> | communicates His will to us. | accomplishes and demonstrates the Father's will for us. | leads us into the Father's will and enables us to do it. |
| <i>Give us today our daily bread...</i> | is our Provider (providing all that we really need). | is our Provision (our Daily Bread). | points us to the Provider and the Provision. |
| <i>Forgive us...</i> | grants us forgiveness. | provides the basis of forgiveness. | convicts us of our need for forgiveness. |
| <i>as we forgive others...</i> | commands us to forgive. | demonstrates how to forgive. | convicts us of our need to forgive. |
| <i>Lead us not into temptation...</i> | provides a "way of escape" from temptation. | is the "way of escape" (our example) during temptation. | leads us to and through the "way of escape" during temptation. |
| <i>Deliver us from the evil one.</i> | promises deliverance. | has ultimately defeated the evil one; He's our deliverer. | shows us the evil one and guides us away from him. |