

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Given in response to the disciples' request: **Luke 11:1**
- B. The Lord's Prayer: Luke 11:2-4 & Mat. 6:9-13 (more complete)

II. MAT. 6:9-13 (NKJV)

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

A. *In this manner, therefore, pray (v.9)*

- 1. Jesus gave a pattern, not a rote form to be vainly repeated (see vv.7-8)
- 2. Has a form much like a formal letter:
 - a) Salutation ("Our Father")
 - b) Address ("in heaven")
 - c) Contents (requests)
 - d) Date ("this day")
 - e) Closing ("Yours is the Kingdom")
 - f) Seal ("Amen")

B. *Our Father*

- 1. NOTE: No one can pray or come to the Father except through Christ (John 14:6)
- 2. OUR (not "my")
 - a) Jesus considers us brothers – Heb. 2:11; John 20:17
 - b) Encourages corporate prayer – Mat. 18:19-20
 - c) We immediately identify ourselves as part of a larger body—the plurality of all believers

3. Father (not Mary, saints or angels; not “Mighty God” or “Creator” . . . FATHER)
 - a) “Father” is a distinct N.T. revelation (only a few references in the O.T.)
 - b) Jesus referred to God as “Father” 181 times in His teachings and prayers in the 4 gospels
 - c) Emphasizes His love, care and concern – Ps. 103:13; Mat. 6:8; Luke 11:11-13; 12:32; 15:18
 - d) Shows relationship - we're children & have **birthrights**
 - (1) Gal. 4:3-7 - “full rights of sons”
 - (2) Rom. 8:15-17

4. ***In heaven***
 - a) Heaven is God's throne – Mat. 5:34; Ps. 103:19
 - b) A throne of grace for His children – Heb. 4:16
 - c) Every good gift comes from the Father **above** – James 1:17

5. ***Hallowed be Your name***
 - a) Praise and glorify God for who He is (His name) **first** before asking anything!
 - b) Come with confidence, calling Him “Abba,” but also with reverence - Mal 1:6 honor and respect due a father
 - c) Hallowed [Gk. *hagiazō* = “sanctify, consecrate, make holy”]
 - d) God's name is profaned by our unholy living – Rom. 2:23-24; Lev. 22:31-32; Heb. 10:29
 - e) Moses did not sanctify the Lord [honor Him as holy] in the sight of the Israelites at Meribah (Num 20)
 - f) “May Your name be honored and exalted throughout the earth.”

6. ***Your Kingdom come... on earth (v.10)***
 - a) Not of this world: “Kingdom of Heaven” (John 18:36) – we need to stop putting our trust in politicians and earthly kingdoms!
 - b) Our citizenship is in heaven – Jesus is coming for ONE HOLY NATION (not American, Korean or Guyanese!)

- c) Not visible: within you - Luke 17:20-21
 - d) Not eating/drinking - righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17)
 - e) Not carnal: flesh and blood cannot inherit (1 Cor. 15:50) - for the born-again, Spirit-led
 - f) Not mere talk - the power of God (1 Cor. 4:20)
 - (1) Advancing forcefully – Mat. 11:12; Dan. 2:44; Acts 17:6-7
 - (2) Deliverance – Mat. 12:28
 - (3) Healing – Mat. 9:35
 - g) Jesus' parables - “The Kingdom of Heaven is like...”
 - h) Kingdom = government and laws (implies doing His will)
7. ***Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven***
- a) Logically follows “Your kingdom come” – Mat. 7:21 - essential to enter the kingdom!
 - b) Not my will, but Yours - Luke 22:42
 - c) We are to know/understand God's will – Eph. 5:17; Col. 1:9
 - (1) For all to be saved - 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9
 - (2) Our sanctification - 1 Thess. 4:3; Rom. 12:1-2
 - (3) Prayer & praise - 1 Thess. 5:16-18
 - d) On earth . . . in me! – Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 13:20-21
8. ***Give us this day our daily bread (v.11)***
- a) God's name, God's kingdom, God's will FIRST - these are the main themes of prayer before any personal needs/requests: Mat. 6:33 seek first God's kingdom
 - b) “This day” – Mat. 6:34: teaches us daily dependence on Him
 - c) Bread (not dainties) . . . needs, not greeds!
9. ***Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors (v.12)***
- a) Our (not mine alone)
 - b) Moses, Daniel, Ezra prayed for the whole nation
 - c) Pray daily (we don't always know) – Ps. 19:12-13; 139:23-24; 1 John 2:1

- d) See vv.14-15; Mat. 18:21-35
- e) We can't pray or receive forgiveness - Mark 11:25-26; Mat. 5:23-24

10. ***Do not lead us into temptation (v.13)***

- a) We are often “dragged away and enticed” by our own desires - James 1:13-15
- b) 1 Cor. 10:13 God will provide a way out
- c) Luke 22:46 pray!

11. ***Deliver us from the evil one***

- a) Don't be ignorant - 2 Cor. 2:11
- b) John 17:11-12 - “protect them by the power of Your name”

12. ***Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever***

- a) “It's all Yours - let me not grab any of it for myself!”
- b) “You, O King, have all power—do it for Your glory!”
- c) How fitting—we begin and end with praise!

13. ***Amen.***

- a) “It shall be so.”
- b) Truly... verily!