

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matt. 6:5-15)

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TEXT: Matt. 6:9-15

MAIN IDEA—Through the prayer the LORD taught His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount we have a perfect model of what real prayer should be. This prayer teaches us the proper attitude needed in prayer and summarizes what we should pray for.

MEMORY VERSE—Col. 4:2

I. HOW NOT TO PRAY—Matt. 6:5-9

>**Don't pray to be seen by men (V5) Lk. 18:10-14. *Pray to be seen by God (V6). Mk. 1:35; Heb. 11:6**

>**Don't pray with vain repetitions (V7)**—Empty phrases thoughtlessly recited are powerless. God wants to hear meaningful expressions from the heart.

1 Kings 18:36-39; Matt. 6:32; James 4:8, Matt. 7:7-8

II. HOW TO PRAY—Matt. 6:9-15—The prayer Jesus instructed his disciples to pray is the perfect model for how to pray. The prayer was not given as the exact words we're to pray, but as a guide for how to pray (i.e. Sharing God's concerns first and then praying for divine resources to meet human needs).

>*Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name (Matt.6:9).* Praying for the Hallowing of God's name is asking that God's name be honored, glorified and regarded as holy. **Jn. 1:12-14; 1 Jn. 3:10**

"Hallow" means "to make or consider holy." This request calls for us to consider God's name as holy and pray that all men would do the same. This is a call for evangelism and a call for the Lord's return.

Each of God's names in scripture reveal a facet of God's character and will. His names not only tell who God is but what He is like.

*He is **Elohim (Gen. 1:1)**, the Creator of everything. *He is **I AM (Ex. 3:14)**. He simply is-- from all eternity. The Self-Existent One. *He is **El Shaddai (Gen. 17:1-2)** God Almighty. *He is **El Elyon (Gen. 14:18-19)**, sovereign ruler over His creation. *He is **Jehovah**, who reveals Himself as our Redeemer. With the name Jehovah, God has revealed Himself as the LORD: our Righteousness, our Sanctifier, our Shepherd, our Healer, our Provider, our Victorious Banner, Always Present with us, and our Peace. *He is **Adonai (Gen. 15:1-6, 9-18)**, which means "Lord." *He's also called: The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit. He is Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end). He is the Lord of Hosts. He is the King of Kings. He is the Faithful One. He is Love. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and He is my God!

>*Your Kingdom come (Matt.6:10)*. Praying for God's Kingdom to come is to pray for the rule of God's Kingdom on earth, in our lives personally, locally, nationally, globally (for His return).
Rom.14:17

>*Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt.6:10)*. Here we're to ask that we and others might live in growing obedience to God's revealed desires as they are found in scripture, and that the day may quickly come when sin will be judged finally and the whole universe willingly submits to God's will, the same as believers desire to submit now. **Jn. 15:7-8; 1 Jn. 5:14-15**

>*Give us this day our daily bread (Matt.6:11)*—Here Jesus invites his disciples to pray for real food and for whatever else we need to sustain ourselves physically or whatever we need for that day.
Ps. 50:10-12; Matt. 6:29-34

*It is for one day at a time (*Give us this day...*), The Average 1st century workers were paid one day at a time and a few days' illness could mean tragedy. So to pray that the Lord give to us today the bread we need for the coming day may sound redundant to us, but it is a precious and urgent request for those in the 1st century who lived from hand to mouth. **Deut. 8:18**

>*Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors (Matt. 6:12)*—Since we are sinful creatures by nature, we need forgiveness for our many sins. Yet God has provided this forgiveness on the basis of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus came. **1 Tim. 1:15-16; Eph. 4:32; Lk. 17:3-4; Is. 53:6**

>*Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil (Matt. 6:13)*—Lastly, we should pray for deliverance: first, that we might be kept from temptation and second, that we might be delivered from the devil who is "the evil one." This is a prayer for deliverance from temptation and from the evil one that stands behind it.

James 1:13; 1 Cor. 10:13; Jn. 17:17; Gen.50:20

The Acronym **ACTS** summarizes these petitions. **Adoration** (Hallowed be..), **Confession** (forgive us..), **Thanksgiving** (Our Father...) **Supplication** (Your kingdom come, will be done, daily bread, lead us not...).

****TACOS** (Thanksgiving, Adoration, Confession, Others, Self).

Application—Take your Bible, and your prayer list and spend time seeking God through the word and prayer. Give thanks to God and practice *praying without ceasing* (1 Thess.5:17) this week and your Father in Heaven will reward you. Choose a time and place. Start with 15 minutes and watch it grow.

Suggested Reading/ Prayer Guides:

How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life by Gregory Frizzell

Face to Face, by Kenneth Boa

Prayer, by Timothy Keller