



THE LORD'S PRAYER



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Pray According to His Will

[Jesus began to teach]

When you pray, go to your room and close the door. Pray privately to your Father who is with you. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you.

When you pray, don't ramble like heathens who think they'll be heard if they talk a lot. Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Let your name be kept holy.

Let your kingdom come.

Let your will be done on earth
as it is done in heaven.

Give us our daily bread today.

Forgive us as we forgive others.

Don't allow us to be tempted.

Instead, rescue us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:6-13

Introduction

Our Father in heaven.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God uses these words to lovingly invite us to believe that he is our true Father, and that we are his true children. He invites us with these words so that we will cheerfully and confidently pray to him in the same way children would ask their dear father for something.

The First Request

Let your name be kept holy.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God's name is holy all by itself. However, we pray in this request that his name will become holy in our lives.

HOW IS THAT DONE?

God's name becomes holy when people teach the Bible in its truth and purity, and when we, as God's children, make our lives conform to its teachings. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! However, anyone who teaches or lives in a way that is different from what the Bible teaches, abuses God's name among us. Heavenly Father, prevent this from happening!

The Second Request

Let your kingdom come.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God's kingdom comes all by itself without our prayers. However, we pray in this request that his kingdom will come to us.

HOW IS THAT DONE?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit. He gives us the Holy Spirit through his words in the Bible. Through his gifts we can believe in God, and can lead a godly life, not only here in the present, but also in the life to come.

The Third Request

Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God carries out his good and merciful will all by himself without our prayers. However, we pray in this request that God would carry out his will through us as his willing servants.

HOW IS THAT DONE?

God's will is carried out when he neutralizes and blocks every evil plan or desire that would like to prevent us from making God's name holy or letting his kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our bodies. However, God's good and merciful will is carried out when he strengthens and keeps us firm through his word and our faith to the end.

The Fourth Request

Give us our daily bread today.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God gives daily bread without our prayers, even to all the wicked people. However, we pray in this request that God would lead us to recognize that he is the source of our daily bread and to be grateful when we accept it.

WHAT IS MEANT BY DAILY BREAD?

Daily bread refers to everything that supplies what our bodies need, such as food, drink, clothes, shoes, house, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious workers, pious and faithful rulers, a good government, good weather, peace, good health, a good education, a good reputation, good friends, dependable neighbors, and other similar blessings.

The Fifth Request

Forgive us as we forgive others.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We pray in this request that our Father in heaven would not take our sins into account, or refuse to answer our prayers because of them. We do not deserve the things for which we pray, nor have we earned them. Nevertheless, we ask that he would give us what we pray for because of his kindness [grace]. We sin a lot every day and deserve nothing but punishment. That is why we forgive those who sin against us without any hesitation, and stand ready to help them.

The Sixth Request

Don't allow us to be tempted.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God doesn't tempt anyone. However, we pray in this request that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our own bodies cannot deceive us or lead us into false teachings, despair, along with other terrible and shameful sins. We also pray that we will overcome these temptations which try to wear us down and in the end be victorious.

The Seventh Request

Instead, rescue us from the evil one.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We sum everything up when we pray in this request that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil whether it affects our bodies, souls, property or honor. We also pray that when our last hour comes, our Father will grant us a blessed end to our life. Finally, we pray that he will kindly take us from this world of misery to himself in heaven.

The Conclusion

The kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to you forever and ever. Amen.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE WORD “AMEN”?

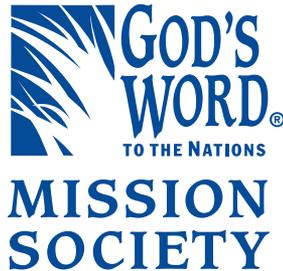
Amen means that I should be certain that the requests in this prayer are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by him. The Father not only commanded us to pray in this manner, but he has also promised to hear us. Amen means “Yes, it will certainly happen.”

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