

A Night of Prayer

A Guided Walk Through The Lord's Prayer



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The Lord's Prayer in KJV, NLT, & ESV

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.-Matthew 6:9-13 KJV

9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.-Matthew 6:9-13 NLT

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.-Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

Speaking With Our Great And Glorious Creator

Who is God? Who is this that you will be speaking with? The catechism we are using with our children answers it rather well when it says,

“God is the only living and true God. He’s the all-glorious, almighty, all-knowing, Sovereign Creator, and Lord of the whole universe. God is perfect and holy, infinite eternal and unchanging.”—

Songs for Saplings, “Who Is God?”

Remember to go humbly in prayer to God. You are speaking with the Creator of the Universe (Genesis 1:1); the One who created the human race (Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 2; Job 33:4); the One who holds all things together currently (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3); the One who is King over Kings and everyone else (1 Timothy 6:15); the One who holds our lives in His hands (Deuteronomy 32:39; Ecclesiastes 7:13–14); and controls all of human history (Ephesians 1:11). He is mighty and awesome. You are not. So go to Him in humility.

Nothing else matters as much as God does. Don’t be distracted by others in your group. Put your phone away, the people texting you and Facebook do not matter as much as God does. He is worthy of all your attention. And, get in a position of reverence. It could be kneeling, bowing, or lying prostrate (face down on the ground getting as low to the Earth as you possibly can as a sign of reverence toward God).

"A psalm of praise of David. I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No



one can measure his greatness. Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness. The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation. All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign. For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The LORD always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does. The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. The LORD is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. The LORD protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked. I will praise the LORD, and may everyone on earth bless his holy name forever and ever." -Psalm 145:1-21 NLT

It Is By The Blood Of Christ I Come

God is awesome. That was the whole point of the last section. God is completely without sin, and totally separate from it. This is yet another reason that God is worthy of praise. Yet, it is also a major problem for you and I. We are not without sin. We are sinners by nature. This means that by nature we are rebels against God and not friends. We don't deserve to come into His presence, but deserve His wrath and justice instead. So, how is it that we can approach God in prayer?

It is only by the blood of Christ that we have access to God.

God created all things, including us.

Man rebelled against God. We are all sinners by nature and rebels against Him.

Jesus Christ accomplished salvation for us. He is the God/Man, completely God and completely man. He died on the cross, paying our punishment for us. He took God's wrath and justice upon Himself in our place. Three days later He rose from the dead having completely accomplished our salvation for us. We are now brought near to God by the shed blood of Christ. We can now go confidently to God in prayer on the basis of what Christ has done for us.

Read this quote from JC Ryle,

"There is a way by which any man, however sinful and unworthy, may draw near to God the Father. Jesus Christ has opened that way by the sacrifice He made for us upon the cross. The holiness and justice of God need not frighten sinners and keep them back. Only let them cry to God in the name of Jesus, only let them plead the atoning blood of Jesus, and they shall find God upon a throne of grace, willing and ready to hear. The name of Jesus is a never-failing passport for our prayers. In that name a man may draw near to God with boldness, and ask with confidence. God has engaged to hear him. Think of this. Is not this encouragement?"—JC Ryle, A Call to Prayer

We can go confidently to God in prayer because of what Jesus has done.

Begin by reading Hebrews 9:11-12.

"So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood-- not the blood of goats and calves--he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever."(Hebrews 9:11-12 NLT)



Now, thank God for the great salvation that He has given us and the passage to God that He has won for us through His work on the cross.

God, May Your Name Be Kept Holy

“Hallowed be Your Name” is the first request Jesus makes in the model prayer in Matthew 6:9–13. If something is hallowed it is revered or sacred. In other words, the first thing Jesus says we should do when we pray is to pray that God’s name would be revered as it ought. We pray for God’s name to be kept sacred.

There are lots of ways in which God’s name is not revered as it should be revered. God’s name is not kept sacred when His name is taken in vain, which is using the Lord’s name as a swear word. Saying “God!” when a toe is stubbed is not keeping God’s name sacred.

There are also ways that we, God’s people, do not keep God’s name sacred other than this. If we live our lives in a way that does not honor God as believers then we can bring dishonor to God’s name. His name is His reputation. And we, His people, can mess up God’s reputation among the people we know by living our lives in ways that we shouldn’t. That’s exactly what God said that His people had done with their lives in Ezekiel 36:22. They had “profaned His name among the nations” by their way of life.

All of our lives are to glorify God, that is, make Him look great. Or, another way of saying it would be that we are to live in such a way that God’s reputation matches His greatness. Even the smallest details of our lives are to honor God in this way, *“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*—1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT

So, here at this station, we want to do two things. First, we want to pray that God’s name is kept sacred out in the world. We want to pray for the ceasing of the wrong usage of God’s name in the lives of others and ourselves. Second, we need to examine our own lives and see if there are areas in our lives that are messing up God’s reputation. On the back there are a few questions to consider and things to think about as you pray. Use it as your guide.

Self-Examination & Prayer

Examine your life. Does your behavior make God look great? Does your life make God's reputation among those who know you match His excellence?

Do you use the Lord's name as a curse word in your life? If so, then you need to repent (turn away from it) and ask God to forgive you for it.

Do you obey the authorities in your life? Do you obey your mother and father? Do you obey your teachers at school? Do you obey other leaders at school? God has placed these authorities in your life and if you're going to honor Him then you will be obedient to them. If you haven't then you need to repent and ask God to forgive you for it. It may also be necessary for you to go to those people and apologize.

How do you behave around your friends? Do you use language that honors God? Do your actions around your friends honor God? How do you make God look around your friends? If the answers to these questions are not good then you need to repent and ask God to forgive you for it.

Are there other behaviors in your life that mess up God's reputation among those who see you? If so then you need to repent of it and ask God to forgive you for it.

Pray for God's name to be kept sacred out in the world. Then pray that you will keep God's name sacred through the life you live out in the world.

God, We Pray Your Kingdom Come

The next petition from Jesus's model pray is for God's Kingdom, "Your Kingdom Come". There are two ways that we need to do this. Since God's Kingdom is both here and coming then we pray in both senses as well. It is here in the sense that God's Kingdom is found wherever there is a believer. So, God's Kingdom comes and expands every time a person comes to faith in Christ. At the same time, God's Kingdom will be completely realized when Jesus returns and sets up The Eternal Kingdom.

We will first pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom through the Church's work of evangelism and the Holy Spirit's work in that. In other words, we are praying for people to come to faith in Christ. This will involve praying for people to be saved here at our local church, within our town, the state, the country, and the spread of God's Kingdom worldwide. This is also an opportunity to pray for your friends and family who do not know Christ. So, we are praying for the expansion of God's Kingdom through the spread of the message of what Christ has done and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Second, we will pray for the coming of God's Eternal Kingdom. This may seem strange, but it really is the most logical thing that we could do. We are praying for the coming of the time when there will be no more sorrow, shame, sin, death, cancer, colds, the flu, allergies, etc. We are praying for the time to come when believers will be full of happiness and joy everlasting.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore (Psalm 16:11), no sorrow (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:4), no more pain (Revelation 21:4), no more hunger (Revelation 7:16), no more thirsting (Revelation 7:16), no more war (Isaiah 2:4; Mica 4:3), no more death (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:4), because the curse of sin will be lifted (Revelation 22:3). How glorious that will be! And so, we pray for that day to come. Look on the next page for a guide to your prayer.

Think about your friends and your family. Think of the friends and family that you know that do not know Christ as Savior and pray for them.

Pray for this local church to be able to reach the city of Alma , Mountain-burg, and the surrounding area with the good news of what Christ has done. Pray for the youth ministry, children's ministry, and the adults in this congregation to see people come to faith in Christ.

Pray for our city. Pray that God's Word and His Spirit would move through the city causing many to come to know Him.

Pray for our state. Pray that churches around our state would begin seeing many people come to faith in Him.

Pray for our country. Pray that churches around our country would begin seeing many people come to faith in Him.

Pray for the world. Pray that more and more missionaries would be sent to go forth spreading the gospel of our Lord. Pray also that they would see many people come to faith in Christ.

Think about the many wicked things that you have seen in the world over the past month. Begin praying for the coming of the Eternal Kingdom of God where the curse is lifted and all things are set right.

God, We Pray Your Will Be Done On Earth

The next thing that Jesus teaches us to pray for is for God's will to be "done on Earth as it is in Heaven". This is quite an extraordinary request to make. In Heaven God's will is done perfectly and joyfully. We are praying for that to happen here on Earth.

So, we first need to pray for our own joyful obedience to God. Not only do we pray for our own obedience, but we pray that we are obedient with great joy. Angels in Heaven do not begrudgingly do God's Will. That's not how things are done in Heaven, and that's not how we pray for things to occur on Earth.

We also need to pray for the Church's joyful obedience to God. Pray for your own local church as well as the Church around the globe. Pray for obedience to the Mission Jesus gave us to make disciples. And, pray for obedience to the call to kindness from the Church to the communities that the local churches reside within.

Then, pray for obedience to God's will around the world. Pray for the ending of hunger, poverty, and rampant viruses that kill many people. Pray for the ending of atrocities such as abortion and mass genocides. Pray for those that are homeless and those in foster care. Pray for these things to end. Pray for God's will to be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Pray for your own obedience to God. Ask God to help you live a life honoring to Him.

Pray for your own attitude. Ask God to give you a deep longing for Him that will not be quenched on this Earth, much like that found in Psalm 84.

This is how we find joy in obedience.

"For the choir director: A psalm of the descendants of Korah, to be accompanied by a stringed instrument. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Heaven's Armies. I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the LORD. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. ... A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you." (Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12 NLT)

Pray for our church's obedience to God and the mission He has given us to make disciples.

Pray for other churches in our area, state, nationwide, and worldwide to be obedient to God and the mission He has given to make disciples.

Pray for the obedience to God's will out in the world.

Pray for the ending of hunger.

Pray for the ending of poverty.

Pray for the ending of rampant illnesses that kill many people.

Pray for the ending of atrocities such as abortion and world leaders that slay people by the thousands and even millions.

Pray for the homeless to find homes.

Pray for those in foster care to find good homes.

Pray for other horrible things that we find on Earth that won't be found in Heaven to cease.

God, Sustain Us

Jesus tells us to pray for a lot of things before He tells us to pray for ourselves. He is applying the principle, “seek first the Kingdom of God” to our prayer lives. And so, here we are doing just that. We are seeking first God’s Kingdom, now for ourselves.

God the Creator did not just leave the Universe to spin out of control. He has put a natural order to things as well as actively working in it. Without this sustaining work the world would cease to exist. Here is the point. God is actively working in the Universe doing the work of sustaining. And, here we are asking God to sustain us.

To sustain simply means to “strengthen or support”. There are times in our lives when we need more strengthening and support than others. Family problems, illnesses, deaths, etc. cause us to despair and we need more of God’s sustaining grace then than at other times. But, there is never a time when we do not need God’s sustaining. We are not self-sufficient.

I work to get money that buys groceries, but I can’t make it rain. Rain causes the grass to grow and animals to be fed. I need for God to provide for me. And, it is only by God’s caring for me that I have this job anyway.

I am limited because I am a creature. God is not limited. God has the power to take care of us, *“Our God is in the heavens, and He does as He wishes.”*— Psalm 115:3 NLT This means that He is powerful enough to do whatever He wants. He has the unique ability to take care of us.

Here Jesus calls us to turn to the One who really can take care of us. Only God has the ability to sustain our lives. Let us go to Him in prayer and ask Him to do so.

Turn to the next page and pray for God to sustain you.

We gain a better understanding of what Jesus meant by God sustaining us when we read just a few paragraphs down the page. Read Matthew 6:25–34

""That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life--whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of



unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:25–34 NLT)

This gets to our attitude. Our attitude needs to be one of trust. Tell God that you trust Him with the circumstances of your life. Tell God that you trust Him to provide for your family. And then, rest in that trust of Him, “for tomorrow will bring its own worries”.

God, Forgive Us And Help us To Forgive

Next Jesus prays for our forgiveness as well as stating *“as we forgive those who trespass against us”*. The idea here is that forgiven people forgive. So, there are two ideas to consider here.

First, we need God’s forgiveness. God has given us the ultimate forgiveness through the work of His Son coming to Earth, dying on our behalf, and then rising from the dead. He has accomplished complete forgiveness for us that we in no way deserved. Our debt against God has been cancelled. Even though all our sins have been forgiven, even those that haven’t happened yet, sin still brings a rupture to the relationship between us and God. We begin to feel distant when we sin because of that rupturing. So, we ask God for forgiveness in the here and now so that closeness with God in the here and now can happen.

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” (1John 1:9 NLT)

Second, we are forgiven people so we forgive those who have wronged us. We are people who need much forgiveness because of how wicked we are. As we understand that more we will forgive others more. When we understand that we are sinners and they are sinners, we will more readily forgive them for whatever wrong has been done.

Let’s look at the next page and examine our lives and ask God to forgive us where we have failed. Let us also think about how we have been wronged and about forgiving others.

Examine your own life and think about where you have failed.

What are some things that you do in front of others that you should not do?

What are you like when no one is around? Is pornography something that you watch often? Are there other secret sins in your life that you need to turn from?

Ask God to forgive you where you have failed and turn from those sins.

Think about the people who have wronged you. Have you forgiven them? Are you holding onto a grudge and lacking forgiveness toward them? Consider your own sinfulness. Can you really say that they deserve forgiveness less than you?

Release those people from the debt they owe you. You may need to go to them and tell them that you have forgiven them.

God Protect Us From Temptation

The next thing we are told to pray for is protection from temptation. Jesus says it this way, *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

When we discussed this part of our prayers we established that Jesus was likely talking about the work of Satan and this World System, but that it also could encompass the temptation that comes from within.

Satan is an enemy warned against in Scripture. We pray for God to protect us from Satan's attacks. He is strong, stronger than us and will stand against us. We must pray for God to protect us from him.

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are." (1Peter 5:8-9 NLT)

Satan's influence is widespread. He is said to be the "god of this world" in 2 Corinthians 4:4 and the prince of this world in John 12:31. His influence is everywhere around us and if we are not careful will influence us because of it. Know this, Satan's World System is opposed to God. It is characterized by a love of self rather than love for others, pride rather than humility, lust is seen as love, and greed seems to rule the world. We need to pray that God will deliver us from the evils of this world. Its influence is all around us.

Lastly, just because Jesus is here more concerned about Satan and his influence than the sin the lives within, doesn't mean that we need to forget about our own sinfulness. James says that temptation comes from within.

"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away." (James 1:14 NLT)

We are sinners. Do not forget this in your prayers. Pray that God will protect us from our own wickedness and the temptations that come from within. Turn to the next page and we will pray that God would deliver us from temptation.

Satan is a powerful adversary. Pray that God would deliver us from whatever attacks may come from Satan.

Satan is very, very influential in the world that we live in. The world that we live in is anti-God in many ways because of it. Pray that you would not be influenced by the system of the world. Pray that you would be delivered from the temptation and evil that exists in the world.

We are sinners. This means that temptation also comes from within ourselves from our own evil desires. Pray that God would protect you from your own sinful and wicked desires.

God, Keep My Life Holy

There is another teaching from Scripture that should grab our attention. God listens to the prayer of those who are walking in His ways and does not listen to the prayers of those who are not. In fact when a person living a life of rebellion against God prays it actually angers Him.

"God detests the prayers of a person who ignores the law." (Pro 28:9 NLT)

This would generally be about unbelievers who have not been transformed into people who love and obey God by the grace of God. But there may be times in a believer's life when God does not listen to their prayer because of their sinfulness.

"In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered." (1Peter 3:7 NLT)

It is obvious within the passage that Christian's prayers will be hindered if they behave certain ways. Why?

God loves us and disciplines us to put us on the right path. If you are doing things that you ought not be doing it is very likely that your prayers are hindered. And the reason for the hindering of your prayers is so that you will turn back to God so that they will not. God may be disciplining you to bring you back to where you need to be. So, pray that God will forgive you of those sins and help you to fight against them.

John Owen once said, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." Ask God to help you kill the sin in your life.

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."—James 5:16b NLT

Turn to the next page and we will pray for our own fight against sin.

Pray and ask God to reveal areas of your own life that you are weak in.

Are there sins that keep coming up in your life?

Are there sins in your life that have been revealed to you as you have worked through this night of prayer?

Is God revealing something to you now?

Now, pray for God to give you the strength to fight against these particular sins in your life.

Pray for wisdom in the fight against sin in making a plan to kill it.

Pray for God to give you victory over sin.

For Yours Is The Kingdom, The Power, And The Glory Forever, Amen

The end of this prayer is one that is glorious. In reality, it's meaning can be summed up by saying these things:

God is the Greatest

God is Most Powerful

God is Most Glorious

God is Most Majestic

God Has Dominion Over All Things

God Is Exalted Over All Things

God Provides All Things

He is over all things. Amen means, "so be it". When we say this we affirm these things about God. We long for Him to do the things that we've asked for and acknowledge that He is over all. Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 then pray this passage of Scripture as an acknowledgment of God's greatness.

"11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. 13 "O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!" -
Chronicles 29:11-13 NLT

Amen.