

## The Lord's Prayer – And More

Many believers misunderstand the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples that is now called The Lord's Prayer. Some feel it was just for that day, but now is outdated. Others just pray it as a repetitive prayer without their hearts into it or even really understanding it. Let us see if we can have the Holy Spirit speak to us what Jesus meant. This is how Jesus taught us to pray. Obviously it is condensed, and it includes a lot that is unsaid.

The subject of prayer could take hundreds of pages of books and still not be complete. We are not in any way attempting to make this lesson in any way represent the totality of prayer, but rather are including a few pointers that could help in your prayer life.

### **Matthew 6:6-15,**

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7 “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

9 “In this manner, therefore, pray: 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 forgive our debtors.

13 And 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.

14 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 “But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

**Note. I have utilized the Lord's Prayer as it is written in Matthew 6 rather than utilizing what Luke wrote in Luke 11. However as we go through this prayer in Matthew 6, we will also refer to what Luke quoted Jesus said after the Lord's Prayer.**

**It seems that this suggested prayer includes several types of prayer.**

1. Worship, and honor to God our Father.
2. Our submission to His will for our lives.
3. Our prayer for our needs.

4. Forgiveness going both ways.
5. Spiritual warfare and protection.
6. **We acknowledge again his power; tell Him we live for His glory and for the benefit of His Kingdom here on earth.** I believe this last verse infers the idea of praise and thanksgiving.

#### **Some comments.**

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**Secret place is to get alone with the Lord, a private intimate time. Not just group or church prayer.**

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**If our earthly fathers are godly, only if, then they also know what their little children need before they ask. There is a love that God puts into a godly father that is very deep and caring. We should see ourselves as children who do not really know what we need, and much less how to obtain what we need.**

**Here are some Old Testament Scriptures that show God as Father. The New Testament brings this fact into clear view.**

##### **Isaiah 9:6,**

“6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

##### **Malachi 2:10,**

“10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers.

#### **What does Hallowed or Holy mean?**

[Strong's Concordance definition for holy - [**agiazw** hagiazo {hag-ee-ad'-zo}sanctify, hallow , be holy to separate from profane things and dedicate to God consecrate things to God purify – purity with no sin]

**What does “name” mean? It was used to describe the entire personality of the person.**

Strong's Concordance definition for name. the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning,

hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**We are here on earth as disciples of Jesus not just for our enjoyment and goals. We are here with Jesus living inside of us as co-laborers to bring His Kingdom to Earth. Of course it is God's plan and His power in us that accomplishes this. It is different for each of us. God has a plan for each of us about how He wants to bring a portion of His Kingdom to earth. When that has reached its goal, which I believe is when all people groups have heard about Jesus, then God will bring the final Kingdom in with His coming.**

**We may be called to various tasks for the Kingdom. I believe however that all of us are called to be "Overcomers" which does indeed bring a portion of God's Kingdom to Earth.**

**Revelation 12:11,**

"11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

**Expanding on verse 10 – Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We should be used by God to speak on this earth for His purposes. Matthew 16:19 explains some of our responsibilities in bringing His will from Heaven to Earth. I have found that the Amplified version of the Scripture really explains it well for me.**

**(Matthew 16:19 AMP)**

*19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.*

**We need to be in touch with God so that we can know or even sense what God is already declaring to you what His will is for a particular area of your life or prayer life. When we know that something is already bound or loosed in Heaven then we can and must voice that here on earth. That is what I call "authoritative prayer."**

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

**This is how God wants us to see our earthly provisions, like the supernatural Manna given to the Israelites in the Wilderness after leaving Egypt. They did not have enough food brought from Egypt (the world) and there was no way that the desert Wilderness could provide food.**

12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. **My note on this is after verse 15 below.**

13 And 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.

**Glory. Glory means to reveal. God does take care of us. However we must expect battles and warfare in our walk with Him. We must remember that in our lives here on earth His glory is the primary goal, and often that takes us through tough times. But He is there for overcoming if we persevere.**

### **Does God lead us into temptation?**

*(MacArthur Study Bible Notes (ESV)) Matt. 6:13 lead us not into temptation. Cf. Luke 22:40. God does not tempt men (James 1:13), but he will subject them to trials that may expose them to Satan's assaults, as in the case of Job and Peter (Luke 22:31–32). This petition reflects the believing one's desire to avoid the dangers of sin altogether. God knows what one's need is before one asks (Matt. 6:8), and he promises that no one will be subjected to testing beyond what can be endured. He also promises a way of escape—often through endurance (1 Cor. 10:13). But still, the proper attitude for the believer is the one expressed in this petition*

### **A quote from Gotcalling.org**

*The idea of God leading His people is a main theme of Scripture. The Psalms especially are filled with pleas for God to lead us in His ways (Psalm 5:8; 27:11), by His truth and righteousness and in “the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:24). Along with leading us to good things, it is understood that we are asking God to lead us away from evil. The petition not to be led into temptation reflects the believer's desire to avoid the dangers of sin altogether. This phrase, then, must be understood in the sense of "permitting." Do not "allow" us, or "permit" us, to be tempted to sin. In this it is implied that God has such control over the tempter as to save us from his power if we call upon Him.*

### **How do we avoid temptation?**

#### **Luke 8:13,**

“13 “But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.”

**Luke 8 is about the Parable of the Sower.** Verse 13 describes the rocky ground which does not bear fruit. It means that some people have hard hearts and that can lead them into temptation and a horrible fall. Hard hearts are usually the result of not keeping a good conscience which they will block intimacy with God. Staying in personal touch with God is the only thing that can overcome temptations in this world.

#### **Luke 22:40,**

“40 When He came to the place [Garden of Gethsemane], He [Jesus] said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.””

#### **Luke 22:46,**

“46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.””

14 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 “But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

**Forgiveness of course is key to our relationship with Jesus! Remember, to forgive is not to excuse, but rather it is to recognize that Jesus bore the sins done to us, and the sins we did to others. Just to acknowledge that and to live in that faith is forgiveness. Feelings are not reliable.**

**After the “Lord’s Prayer, Jesus then tells us about more detail about prayer. Remember Luke 11 also records the Lord’s Prayer and here is how Jesus added to it.**

**It has to do with perseverance and warfare.**

**Luke 11:5-13,**

“5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 ‘for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

7 “and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?

8 “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 “For everyone who **asks** receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened.

11 “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

12 “Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!””

**Jesus made it clear that we have an enemy whose job it is to cause us to not inherit God’s promises and His will for our lives. He is warning us here that we must not give up praying, but should continue even though it feels like God is not answering our prayers. We must persevere.**

**Ask**, is to ask God for His will for our lives and to invite Him to come to help.

**Seek**, is to seek God's speaking to us in His Word with His promise, seek His advice – listen.

**Knock**, is the warfare, and is a warning to continue to fire the artillery of prayer until the enemy is defeated for this current issue in our live. Jesus said in Luke 11 to persevere. This is where so many miss it, they give up because all they see are the problems. The just shall live by faith not by sight!