

"Pray Like Jesus - Part 2 : The Lord's Prayer" Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's prayer gives us not a formula to memorize, but a model to guide all of our prayers. This model teaches us to begin our prayers with worship and submission. Yes, God is our loving Father, but He is also our holy King. We exist to serve Him, not the other way around. Having begun with worship and submission, Jesus teaches us to then confidently ask God to provide for all of our needs, both physical and spiritual. Because God is our holy King and loving Father, we can depend upon Him to meet our every need.

1. **Assumes a relationship with God**

- v9 "Our Father"

Ephesians 2:3

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name

2. **A model, not a formula**

- v7 - avoid "meaningless repetition"
- He leaves much out: thanksgiving, specific confession, intercessory prayer...
- Follow the attitude, not the specific words

3. **Begins with...**

- "our Father" - intimacy
- "in heaven" - reverence

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

- Plea #1: "Hallowed be your name"
 - Name of God is God Himself - all He is and all He's done
 - "Hallowed" = to regard as holy, set apart

Isaiah 29:23

...They will sanctify My name; Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

- Plea #2: “Your kingdom come”
 - May you reestablish your rule over this world
 - Present: a prayer for the lost
 - Future: a prayer for the return of Christ
- Plea #3: “Your will be done”
 - May you accomplish on earth all that you desire
 - Assumes we want this in our own lives!!

Matthew 26:39

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

Begins with WORSHIP & SUBMISSION

*Our Father who is in heaven,
Please cause all people to stand in awe of you,
Please bring your kingdom to earth,
And accomplish on earth (and in us) all that you desire...*

4. Includes DEPENDENT PETITION

- v11: for physical & material necessities
- v12: for forgiveness of sin

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- v13: for protection from sin

Trials:

- Strength from God → Victory, Honor, Growth
- Temptation from Satan, world, and flesh → Sin, Dishonor

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who is in heaven,
Please cause all people to stand in awe of you,
Please bring your kingdom to earth,
And accomplish on earth (and in us) all that you desire.
Give us what we need for this coming day,
Forgive us of our sins as we forgive others,
And do not let us fall to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.*