

The Lord's Prayer

MORE THAN MEETS THE TONGUE

Our Father who Art in Heaven

By these words God would tenderly encourage us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.



First Petition: Hallowed be Thy Name

God's name is indeed holy in itself. But we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

How is this done?

When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God also lead holy lives in accordance with it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven. But anyone who teaches and lives other than by what God's Word teaches profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father.



Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done

The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself. But we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

- *How is this done?* When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and there in eternity.

The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer. But we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

- *How is this done?* When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will that would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh. Instead, He strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until we die. This is His gracious and good will.

The Second and Third Petitions

THE KINGDOM COMES – LUKE 11



HIS WILL IS DONE – MATTHEW 27



Fourth Petition: Give us this day our Daily Bread

God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all wicked people; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Everything that belongs to the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.



Forgive us our Trespasses



And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins nor deny such petitions on account of them. We are not worthy of any of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them. But we pray that He would grant them all to us by grace. For we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So will we truly, on our part, also heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

Lead us not into Temptation, but Deliver us from Evil

God indeed tempts no one. But we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us nor seduce us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Though we are attacked by these things, we pray that still we may finally overcome them and gain the victory.

We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all kinds of evil, of body and soul, property and honor. And finally, when our last hour shall come, we pray that He would grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this vale of tears to Himself into heaven.

The Sixth and Seventh Petitions

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST – MATTHEW 4



JESUS HEALS – MATTHEW 15

