

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is easily the most recognized prayer throughout the Christian faith. It is more than something to be memorized and recited. As described in both Matthew and Luke, Jesus uses the Lord's Prayer as a guide for teaching his disciples how to pray.

**Our father, which art in heaven - hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come - thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation - but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever -
Amen.**

Taken verse by verse, it could be viewed this way:

"Our Father in heaven" simply states where prayers should be directed while, **"Hallowed be thy name"** is about worshiping and revering God.

The phrase **"thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven"** is a reminder to pray for guidance to follow God's plan, rather than our own. Christians are to pray for God's will to be done, not their own.

Christians are expected to ask God for that which is necessary to **"give us today our daily bread."**

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" reminds Christians to forgive their enemies much as God has forgiven them.

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, **"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"** is a plea for avoid the lures of sin and transgression.