

Growing in Prayer

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THE LORD'S PRAYER Matt 6: 9-11

Jesus taught his disciples to pray. As an example of prayer, or a model prayer, he said. ... *Pray like this:*

Our Father in heaven,

Who should we pray to and what is our relationship with this person?

may your name be honored.

How do we bring honor to God's name? Think about what we say and what we do.

May your Kingdom come soon.

One day in the future Jesus is going to come back to earth and set up his Kingdom. It will be a wonderful kingdom and those of us who know him will be part of it. What should we pray for concerning this kingdom?

A Prayer List

You also may want to start a Prayer List. A prayer list is where you write down a list of things on paper that you want to pray for. This could also include people that you want to pray for.

You should keep the list in your Bible or somewhere where you can see it and use it on a daily basis to help you remember some things or people to pray for.

You may want to start a prayer list right now. Write down a few things that you want to pray for.

You may want to memorize this prayer.
We call it

“The Lord’s Prayer”

*Our Father in heaven,
may your name be honored.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in
heaven.
Give us our food for today,
and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven
those who have sinned against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us
from the evil one.* *Matthew 6: 9-13*

What to pray for

We should pray for “good things”

*your heavenly Father give(s) good gifts to those who
ask him. Matthew 7: 11*

What do you think are “good things”?

Are they things like candy, a lot of money, a big car?
Or are they things like a godly character, good health,
ability to understand the Bible, ability to understand
my school work and to help others, etc.?

*May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in
heaven.*

What are we praying for when we pray “*May your
will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven.*”

What does it mean when it says “*your will*”

How can we know what God’s will is?

Give us our food for today,

What are we asking for in this sentence? Is a broader
meaning also implied?

Why do you think he just says “for today”, and not “for
the next six weeks”?

and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

What does God do when we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness?

Is it fair to ask God to forgive us if we are not willing to forgive others? Explain your answer.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

What are temptations and what are we asking for in this sentence concerning temptations?

Think about some temptations that you struggle with. If you want to, write down one or two of them.

Who is the “evil one”? _____

Jesus said, *The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.* .
John 10:10

What is “the thief” or Satan trying to do to us and what is Jesus’ plans for us?
