

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (including footnoted line)

- 1 **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**
- 2 **Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**
- 3 **Give us this day our daily
bread,**
- 4 **and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our
debtors.**
- 5 **And lead us not into
temptation,**
- 6 **but deliver us from evil.**
- 7 **For yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Names of those you have in mind when praying:

For Discussion or Personal Consideration

- Slowly read/pray through Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4, including the footnoted parts. Then discuss or jot down some responses to the following questions:
 - What differences and similarities do you notice?
 - What is the effect of using first person plural pronouns (our, us, we) throughout this prayer?
 - What are appropriate ways we might set apart AND lift up the name or fame of our Father?
 - What do you imagine is the role of the Church in the Father's kingdom coming and His will being done on earth, in our country, in your community?
 - Which of the four declarations in verse 11, 12 & 13 of Matthew is closest to your heart's needs today, and why? Who are those Jesus might hope you have in mind when you pray those declarations to the Father?
 - Consider the ending of the prayer in Matthew, possibly footnoted in your Bible: What effect ought this declaration to have on us when we pray? (cf. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

For Devotions or Personal Practice

- To the left notice the full text of the Lord's Prayer with numbers next to the lines or declarations to the Father. Those could be reasonable points of division for the following practices:
 - Each day of the week pray through the Lord's Prayer. Then back up to the line that corresponds with that day of the week and expand it to reflect what your heart might desire in declaring it. Remember to keep others in mind as you use plural pronouns. Examples...
 - Sunday – Reflect on the Father's attributes. Thank Him for His close paternal presence.
 - Monday – As you pray for His kingdom to come and will to be done, let it sink in that you're praying for a miracle to happen. Prepare your heart to be part of that miracle.
 - Tuesday-Friday – Imagine landing these declarations to *give, forgive, lead, and deliver* right there before the Father in the realm of incorruptibility. Declare these for others you love.
 - Saturday – Express with certainty that He is God and you are not; He has what you need and you are utterly dependent on Him for it.
 - Over the course of a day, set several timers/alarms that remind you to stop for even a moment and either pray through the entire Lord's Prayer – it takes about 40 seconds – or pray through a line from the prayer; a different one each time, using a similar prayer reflection as above. You might set timers for key intervals in the work day or a regular segment of time, like every two hours.