

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

What our <i>lips</i> say...	What our <i>hearts</i> might say...
Our Father in heaven...	God, You have adopted us as Your children through Jesus' death and resurrection. Though You dwell in the heavenly realm of incorruptibility, You are now our close Fatherly presence.
...hallowed be your name.	May the fullness of who You have revealed Yourself to be in Scripture and in our lives – Merciful, Gracious, Patient, Loving, Faithful, Forgiving, Just, etc. – be lifted up and set apart.
Your kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven.	May You reign as the free and supreme King in our communities. May that which characterized the ministry of Jesus on earth also characterize our ministry to our neighbors, family and friends.
Your will be done...on earth as it is in heaven.	May all that which You have commanded of us and others be obeyed, and may all that which Your heart so deeply desires of us and others come to fruition, in our neighborhoods and communities.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Just as You have given us this day to live and breathe, may You sustain our life and breath by giving us enough bread for today; enough of the basic sustenance for life today, and enough to give away to our neighbors, family and friends.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.	We are wrong for our sin; for placing our kingdom and our will above Yours. We are sorry. Forgive us. And further, as You have forgiven us, compel us to forgive those who have sinned against us, whether they ask for it or not.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	You lead us, not down paths of temptation where we tend to lead ourselves. Rather, lead us down paths of righteousness. Rescue us and redeem us from evil's lurking presence. Be our guide into humility, freedom and victory over sin, and all that glorifies You and fills us with Joy.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	Father, everything belongs to You – the Kingdom, the Power, the Glory – <i>everything</i> , and nothing belongs to me. You are God alone, and I am not. Truly, there is no other. Truly, let these things be so, now.

Write the names of those you have in mind when praying this prayer:
