

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Amen

Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our heavenly Father would not look upon our sins nor deny our prayers because of them, for we neither merit nor are worthy of those things for which we pray. However, we pray that He would grant us all things through His grace, even though we daily sin and deserve nothing but punishment. And certainly, on our part, we will gladly forgive and cheerfully do good to those who may sin against us.

309 What do you pray for in the fifth petition?

I pray that God forgives my sins.

310 What is meant by the word debts or the word trespasses?

These words mean all my daily sin and imperfection.

James 3:2a "For we all stumble in many ways."

311 How can you be certain of God's forgiveness?

I can be certain of God's forgiveness because He has said in the Bible that He will forgive my sins.

1 John 2:1 "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

312 For whose sake does God forgive your sin?

God forgives me, not for my sake because I ask in the right way, but for Jesus' sake, who died for me and rose again and who is now in the presence of the Father praying for me.

Ephesians 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace..."

Hebrews 7:25 "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

