

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Service

Our prayers this evening are framed by our Lord's Prayer. Jesus didn't define or explain prayer, but rather modeled and taught it. Five times in the Gospels He went off by Himself to pray. He began and ended His ministry with prayer. His praying is mentioned 45 times in the Gospels. Recorded prayers of Jesus include: Matt. 11:25-26; 26:39, 27:36; Mark 14:36; Luke 10:21; 23:24, 46; John 11:41-42, 12:27-28, 17:1, 5, 11, 21, 24

PRAISE SONGS

(L = Leader, P = People, ++ = Times for prayer)

GOD'S WORD: Matthew 6:5-15 & Luke 11:1-4

(Jesus disciples were aware that John had taught his disciples to pray. So they ask Him to teach them. Here is what He taught them and us.)

L: *One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, (Luke 11:1, NIV) "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*

P: *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

L: *"This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

P: *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:5-15, NIV) "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10, NIV)*

Reflection: What do you hear Jesus saying to you in these words?

L: Our FATHER who art in heaven.

P: *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

L: Hallowed be Thy NAME.



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P: *God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!*

+ + Pray for Jesus to help you live a God-pleasing life that gives Him the glory. + +

L: Thy KINGDOM come.

P: *God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. (John 18:36; 3:3; Luke 10:1-12; 17:20-21; Mark 12:28-34)*

+ + Pray for the unity and mission of our congregation, that we might faithfully follow Jesus and boldly share His love by our words and actions. + +

L: THY WILL be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P: *God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.*

+ + Pray for God's help to let go of "your will" and live in God's will? + +

L: Give us this day our daily BREAD.

P: *Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like. (Matthew 6:24-34)*

+ + Give thanks to God for His blessings to you. + +

+ + Pray for your own needs and the needs of others. + +

(May include the grieving, sick, homebound, dying, lonely, military, leaders in our nation, state, community, and church, the poor, those suffering natural disasters, etc.)

L: And FORGIVE us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P: *We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.*

+ + Pray silently for God's forgiveness and ask for a willing heart to forgive others who have hurt you. + +



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L: And lead us not into TEMPTATION.

P: We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

+ + Pray for God's protection and help in times of harm and temptation. + +

L: But DELIVER us from evil. (Some translate "the evil one")

P: We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

+ + Pray for protection when you are confronting spiritual warfare. + +

L: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(This doxology is from I Chronicles 29:11-13, NIV)

P: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

+ + Give thanks to God for hearing and answering our prayers. + +

(Explanations from Luther's Catechism)

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BLESSING

L: Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21, NIV)



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