The Lord's Prayer

REFERENCE VERSES

✞ **Matthew 6:9-13**

9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

✞ **Luke 11:2-4**

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.
3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And to not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." (NKJV*)

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Other Resource Scriptures

Matthew 7:7-8; 8:2-4; 21:21-22
Luke 18:1-8, Acts 1:14; 1:24-26
Romans 8:26-27
2 Corinthians 9:14
Philippians 4:6-7
Colossians 1:3-6; 4:2, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:17
James 1:5-7
1 Peter 5:7

Reference: Holman Bible Dictionary, 1991

Section (KJV**)	Meaning
Our Father which art in heaven	Because God (dwelling in heaven) is the Father of all Christians (made so by Baptism) and the Father of all mankind who He made, loves and preserves.
Hallowed be thy name	That God may be known, loved, and served by all of His creatures.
Thy kingdom come	Submission to God's will and the desire to see His work come to pass.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven	That God may enable us to do His will in all things as the Blessed do in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread	That God may give us daily all that is necessary for soul and body.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors	That God will forgive our sins in the same way as we forgive others who have offended us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil	For God to grant us spiritual protection necessary to avoid falling into evil (the devil's snares).
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen	***Added later when it came into use by the Church.*** *Acknowledgement of God's creation, His power, and His glory which is everlasting. And so be it.*

What is prayer?
- Talking to God and sincerely expressing what's in our hearts; making our petitions (needs and concerns) known for others and ourselves
- Welcoming the presence of God (worship and fellowship)

Why do we have to pray?
- To give praise, give thanks, and to worship (welcome God's presence)
- To strengthen our faith
- To deter or put off sin in our lives
- For direction, instruction, and revelation
- To intercede or stand in the gap for others

How should we pray?
- As Jesus taught us asking the Father in His name
- With our spirits and with understanding
- Believing that we have received prior to asking
- With reverence (respect and admiration)
- Fervently (passionately and faithfully)
- With boldness (courage and confidence) clearly asking what we desire and need

How often are we to pray?
- Always and without ceasing
- As the Holy Spirit leads us

Who and what should we pray for?
- Forgiveness of sins, salvation in Jesus, consolation, healing and strength (spiritual and physical), and prosperity for others and ourselves
- Wisdom and revelation of God's word and ways
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts
- Our family, children, friends, co-workers, spouse, neighbors (far and near), persons in authority, the body of Christ, and ourselves

Background

Jesus was in Galilee when he was teaching in the synagogues and preaching the gospel of his kingdom. The people brought to him all who needed to be healed from their sicknesses and diseases. He became very popular from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond Jordan. In Galilee, he went up to a high mountain to teach the people along with the disciples, and this became known as the Sermon on the Mount. This prayer taught from our Lord is to be a model for us to follow when we pray.

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