

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Matthew 6:5-15

Memory Verse

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. (CEV)

Luke 11:9-10



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Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. Let's look at what Jesus taught them:

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 debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:9b-13, NIV

The book of Matthew records many of the things Jesus taught his disciples, including about who God is and how we can be missionaries. See how the Lord's Prayer does that too? It first talks about honoring God, who is the Creator of all things (including us!), and then asks for help from God for the things we need to do our missionary work on earth.

Jesus discouraged the disciples from using extra words in their prayers in order to get everyone to pay attention to them. He wanted them to focus on *God*. It is perfectly okay to lead others in prayer in a public place, but we need to remember we're talking to God and that we're not putting on a show when we pray.

Let's give our attention to God first and then make our requests. It's one way we honor God through our prayers.

Prayer

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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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