

Teach Us To Pray
Luke 11:1-13

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The Lord's Prayer

- Bathed in love.
- Identifies believers.
- A prayer for the community.
- A pattern for prayer.

1. *Father, hallowed be your name.*

- He is Divine Creator and loving Abba
- Name = character – let your character be exalted; let your reputation be great in all the earth.
- If we pray this, we need to treat God as holy and treat his name with honour.
- We are God's letter of recommendation (2 Cor. 3:3).
- When we hallow his name we build his kingdom.

2. *Your kingdom come (your will be done)*

- Both now and in the future
- Asking God to have his way in the world
- All prayer goes through the garden (Not as I will but as you will (Matt 26:39))
- Don't just pray it, live it.

3. Give us each day our daily bread

- For today and for the coming days
- Meet our daily needs
- Cultivates a radical dependence on God for every day we live
- Cultivates a radical gratitude when we realize that every breath we take is dependent on God

4. Forgive us our sins for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

- We are indebted to God – a debt we cannot pay.
- As we receive forgiveness, so we give forgiveness
- Not quid pro quo
- A covenant relationship
- An intricate dance with God and others
- Unforgiveness is a cancer

5. And lead us not into temptation.

- This is not a request that God stop tempting us but declaring our need for God to keep us out of trouble
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Final Thoughts:

As well as a powerful prayer, this is a guide for life in the kingdom.

Boldness and persistence is encouraged.

Addressing God as Abba Father is outrageous and the requests are remarkable.

But if we ask, we will receive.

Use the Lord's Prayer as a way of explaining kingdom life to seekers.

The Lord's Prayer (Peter's Version)

**Our Father, who is in heaven,
may Your Name be honoured in all the earth.
May Your Kingdom come
and Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Provide for our daily needs
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Guard us against temptation,
and deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
for ever and ever!
Amen**
