

OUR FATHER

In Heaven...



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CHRIST'S PATTERN FOR DYNAMIC PRAYER

Matthew 6:5-14 (Jesus said) *“And 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 men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 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 (irrelevant, foolish chatter) 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.

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. Forgive us our debts (sins), as we also have forgiven our debtors (those who have wronged us). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (Some translation include, For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.)

1 1/2 years later, when the disciples saw Jesus praying, they asked Him to teach them to pray “as John taught his disciples.” Instead of giving them a new teaching, He brought them back to a shorter version of the pattern He taught earlier. (Read Luke 11:1-4)

This is a prayer outline Christ established for communicating with our Heavenly Father. Each phrase represents an inexhaustible area and is a perfect, all-inclusive prayer outline we can use every day!

This is not just a prayer pattern but a prayer God will ALWAYS answer because we are praying according to the very will of God as stated in 1 John 5:14-15.

1. Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name,...

Key thought: First things first. Begin prayer with praise and worship, declaring His Name (who He is) and His goodness. (The QR code brings you to a deeper study God's Names)

"To hallow" (hagiazo) means to admire, respect, consecrate, to acknowledge as being set apart. The word "name" (onoma) literally means character and authority. *In essence, it is praising God our Father for who He really is.*

Prayer...

Begin prayer by praising Him using His Biblical Old Testament Names. (Exodus 3:13-15) There are also many descriptive Names for Jesus Christ in the New Testament. (John 4:13-14, 6:35; 8:12)

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- **Forgiveness of sin** | Praise Him for the forgiveness of sin and deliverance from its dominion! (Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:5-10; Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 1:13-14)
Jehovah Tsidkenu, The LORD our Righteousness. (Jeremiah 23:5-6)
Jehovah M'Kaddesh, The LORD who Sanctifies. (Leviticus 20:7-8)
- **Provision** | Praise Him for His provision and for Eternal Life, for spiritual and physical healing, and for all the blessings of the Kingdom. (Colossians 2:10; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
Jehovah Jireh, The LORD who Provides. (Genesis 22:1-9)
Jehovah Rophe, The LORD who Heals. (Genesis 15:22-27)
- **The Holy Spirit** | Praise Him for the baptism and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Job 33:4 Acts 1:8; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7)
Jehovah Shalom, The LORD our Peace. (Judges 6:22-24)
Jehovah Shammah, The LORD who is There. (Ezekiel 48:35)
- **Victory** | Praise Him for victory over all things. (Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Joshua 1:5; John 16:33; Romans 8:10-11, 38-39)
Jehovah Nissi, The LORD our Banner. (Exodus 17:8-16)
Jehovah Rohi, The LORD our Shepherd. (Psalm 21)

2. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Key thought: Establish God's priorities and do His will from the heart.

As our Savior, He is also our absolute Lord and Master (Adonai). He is the King of an

eternal Kingdom and we are His Covenant people through repentance, the new birth, *and* obedience to His will.

The Kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:7), and is expressed through deliverance (Colossians 1:12-14), provision (Matthew 6:33), and power (Luke 18:17-20)

By entering into this part of the prayer pattern, we are declaring that His will and priorities are first and *the* most important things in our lives.

Prayer...

- May His Kingdom be established in our lives! Pray that His will be done in my life first, then in my family and relationships, in the local church (where I attend), as well as in the national and global church, the Body of Christ.
- Pray that He interacts in our lives and in the affairs of man.

3. Give us today our daily bread.

Key thought: Receive daily provision from a supernatural Source when we are obedient. (See Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

If we seek first His Kingdom, the Lord promises to provide. (Matthew 6:28-34) He wants us to ask so that our joy might be complete. (John 16:24)

Malachi 3:10-12 states that if I am faithful to the Tithe then He is faithful to provide for me and to destroy the “devourer.”

Prayer...

- Action: Be in the will of God concerning my finances (Tithing, generous attitude). Then pray for provision for physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
- Pray for a hunger for God’s Word. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)

4. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Key thought: We can receive God’s total forgiveness and, in turn, we can forgive others as well.

So important is forgiveness that Jesus places it in the middle of the prayer and then re-emphasizes it at the end of the passage! (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:1-34)

Prayer...

- First ask God to forgive me of *my* sins and offenses. (Psalm 51:1-17; 32:5; 1 John 1:8-9)
- Then, in prayer, release and forgive those who have offended me. (Matthew 6:14)
- Last, I set my will to forgive anyone who may offend me.

5. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Key thought: Lasting victory always begins from the inside out!

Be cleansed of deep, unconfessed sin where the devil has authority and access. (James 1:13-15) Through His power we are called to live a powerful, victorious life. (John 10:10, 16:33)

Prayer...

- Ask God to purify me and to cleanse me from secret sin so that satan will have no hold on me. (Song of Solomon 2:15; Psalm 19:12-13, 51:1-12)
- Put on the full armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18) and pray for the (revival of the) church. (Hosea 6:2-3; Acts 2:17-19)
- Pray for a harvest of souls to come into the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 9:37; Acts 2:40-41)

6. Now seal your prayer with praise and worship.

John 4:23 ...a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Write down 1 or 2 things you are believing for in prayer.

We are not usually on God's time table, nor do we necessarily know how He will answer your requests. Our job is to continue to believe God no matter what circumstances may look like. Read Luke 11:5-13...