



The Overview of
The Lord's Prayer
For all Places and Seasons
Matthew 6:9-15
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Introduction: The Lord's Prayer is a pattern, not an inflexible form. It serves as an outline or a structure to build upon, and to personally form to our particular needs. The Prayer is a good way to teach a child how to pray, and it's a storehouse for the mature follower of Jesus. This is a prayer to be prayed wherever we are, e.g., all places, seasons and times.

I. THE AUDIENCE. "Our Father"

- A. "Thank You, Father, for the new and living way through the blood of Christ that enables me to call You Abba Father"—Rom. 5:8; 6:23; 8:12-17; Heb. 10:19-22. "You are my Father—the Father of all Fatherhood. I am Your treasured child. I know every good and perfect gift comes from You"—James 1:17.
- B. "Thank You that You gave Your Son to die for me"—John 3:16; Is. 53:5-6. (Picture the Lord's trial and the accusations, wounds, mockery, cross, death, and resurrection.)

II. THE ADDRESS. "in heaven,"

- A. "I praise You for Your majesty and rulership over all creation. You reign over all and I am seated with You in heavenly places"—Eph. 1:20-21; 2:6-7; 3:14. "I bow before You."
- B. "Father, You are my audience. I choose to focus my attention on You, Lord, to know You and to please You"—Matt. 6:6. "I also choose to store my treasures with You in heaven"—Matt. 6:20.

III. THE ADORATION. "hallowed be your name."

- A. **HALLOWED:** "May Your name be lifted up, esteemed, prized, honored and treated with the respect it deserves. May I live this day so that Your name will be glorified and uplifted"—Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 2:12; Matt. 5:16; Psalm 95:6-7; 63:4; 66:4-5; 86:12; 100; 145:2.
- B. **NAME:** "Thank You for each of Your names and the meanings associated with them. May the benefits of each name be seen in me for Your name sake, i.e., *lead me in paths of righteousness for your name sake...*"—Psalm 23:3. Old Testament names for You (Jehovah) reveal Your character and also point to their fulfillment in Jesus. Today may I know:

NAME	MEANING
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	The Lord our righteousness—Jer. 23:6
Jehovah-Mekaddishkem	The Lord who sanctifies—Exodus 31:13
Jehovah-Shalom	The Lord our peace—Judges 6:24
Jehovah-Shammah	The Lord is present—Ezekiel 48:35
Jehovah-Rapha (Rapa)	The Lord who heals—Exodus 15:26
Jehovah-Jireh	The Lord who will provide—Gen. 22:14
Jehovah-Nissi	The Lord our banner—Exodus 17:15
Jehovah-Raah	The Lord our shepherd—Psalm 23:1

- C. **"PRAISE YOU, GOD:** For who You are and for Your answers to prayer"—Psalm 120:1. Let's praise Him for who He is and what He has done! Let's be as specific as we can.

IV. THE ANTICIPATION AND AFFIRMATION.

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done...” (God’s Priorities are first.)

A. **YOUR KINGDOM COME.** This implies:

1. “Your Rulership is internal, external, eternal. May You rule, reign in my life.”
2. “Your Kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit—Rom. 14:17. I pray for this to be seen in me and in Your church/in my church.”

B. **YOUR WILL BE DONE.** What is the will of God? Learn to pray the Word and plead/rehearse the promises of God—Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21; John 17:20-23; Philemon 1:6; 1 Cor. 10:13, etc. “Therefore I pray for Your will to be done for:

1. **Myself**—current concerns, attitudes, ministry, schedule, goals, mental, physical and relational health. (Pray specifically for each of these.)
2. **My family**—immediate and extended family members.
3. **My church**—pastors, leadership, faithfulness, ministries, vision, maturity, missionaries, harvest, and compassion for others, etc.
4. **My friends, nation, people in authority, prayer list**—1 Tim. 2:1-4.

V. THE APPEALS.

A. **For Daily Bread.** *“Give us this day our daily bread...”* Specifically:

1. “I pray first that I (that we) will be in God’s will in our giving, our debts, our work our play, and in the use of all of our resources”—Prov. 10:4; Eccl. 10:18; Prov. 6:6ff; Mal. 3:8-10; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; 2 Cor. 8:7; 9:6-15; 12:8-9.
2. “I ask for daily needs for myself, my family, my friends, and for church needs (pastors, church ministries, tithing, missions, benevolence)”—1 John 5:14; Phil. 4:19; Acts 20:34.

B. **For Debts Forgiven.** *“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”*

1. “Forgive me as I forgive others”—1 Jn. 1:9; Matt. 6:14-15 (pray for/forgive others).
2. “Purpose to be reconciled, if possible”—Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 12:18.
3. “I decide to forgive now and in the future”—Matt. 18:21-22.

C. **For Deliberate Guidance.** *“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”*

This is how we might pray personally or for others:

1. “Lord, keep me from places where I would stumble or fall, and uphold me in temptation and testing”—2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Tim. 6:10-11; James 1:2-8; Matt. 4:4; Psalm 119:11; 1 Cor. 10:13.
2. “Lord, I submit to You, and ask for Your protection”—James 4:7-10; Ps. 18:2; 91:14.
3. “I purpose to put off the old and put on the new”—1 Tim. 6:11; Eph. 4:25-5:18; Col. 3:8-17.
4. “As I follow You, I know there will be spiritual warfare in my family, friends, church. Help us to be prepared for it and to be STRONG in Your mighty power and clothed with the whole armor of God—Eph. 6:10-18; John 10:10; 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 10:4-5. Fill me with Your Spirit and power today—Eph. 5: 18-21. (Engage in spiritual warfare for family, friends, church, when needed.)

VI. THE ADULATION.

“For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.”

- A. Affirm His rulership
- B. Adore Him in praise
- C. Abba Father