

The Lord's Prayer – Lesson Two

The Content of the Lord's Prayer

The Model: After This Manner Therefore Pray Ye:

- The Lord's Prayer consists of three petitions for the _____ (His Name, His Kingdom, and His Will), and three for the _____ (their provision, their need for pardon, and their protection).

The point? When we seek for nothing more than the glory of God in our lives, everything else will fall into place (Matt. 6:33). The manner by which we pray should reflect on and attune our hearts to the glory of God.

- It is a great encouragement for Christians to pray for the things that God has already _____ (2 Cor. 1:20).

The Address: Our Father Which Art in Heaven,

- We have the audacity to call Him "our Father" only on the basis of our adoption through Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:14-17).
- The Scriptures normatively speak to the fact that Christians pray _____ the Spirit, _____ the Son, _____ the Father.
 - **In the Spirit:** Rom. 8:26-27; Eph. 6:18; Jude 20; etc.

- **Through/In the Name of Jesus:** John 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-24; Eph. 2:18; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:2; etc.
- **To the Father:** Matt. 7:11; Eph. 3:14-15, 5:20; Col. 1:3; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 1:17; etc.
- However, there **are** petitions made to Jesus through prayer throughout the NT (John 14:14; Acts 7:59, 9:6-14; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 12:8; Rev. 22:20).

Petition One: Hallowed Be Thy Name.

- The chief end of our prayer is that the Father _____—He is glorified when His will is done, when He provides for His people, and when He pardons their sins for the sake of Christ.

Petition Two: Thy Kingdom Come,

- The central teaching of the Gospel message is that "the time is fulfilled, and the _____ is at hand" (Mark 1:15; cf. Matt. 3:2, 4:17).
 - The word 'εὐαγγέλιον' (the word for 'Gospel,' meaning '[a reward for] glad tidings') was classically used to describe the announcement of the appearance or attainment of the throne of the ruler.
 - When we pray for His Kingdom to come, we pray that the fullness of what Christ has promised is realized, consummated, and given to His people.

Petition Three: Thy Will Be Done in Earth, as it is in Heaven.

God's will is done in earth when:

- A sinner comes to _____ in the Lord Jesus (*Matt. 7:21; Luke 15:10; John 6:40; Eph. 1:11; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Pet. 3:9*).
- His people are _____ and enabled to keep His commandments, mortify their sin, and grow in sanctification (*Psa. 40:8; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 5:15-17; 1 Thess. 4:3; Heb. 13:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:15, 4:2*).
- His people _____ in a spirit of thanksgiving and contentment within the sorrows of this life (*1 Thess. 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:17*).

Petition Four: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.

- God cares about our physical needs because He designed us to be _____ upon things that are wholly outside of ourselves.
 - Just as we rely fully on God for our physical needs, we rely fully on God for our spiritual needs (and, most importantly, salvation).

Petition Five: And Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors.

- The need for _____ is just as necessary as our need for daily provisions.

- It is both a _____ and a _____ to ask God to forgive us on the basis that we have forgiven others (*Matt. 6:14-15*).

Petition Six: And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil.

After our forgiveness has been assured, we pray for:

- Our _____, so that our sin might not happen again.
- Our _____, so that we might not be ensnared again.

The Doxology: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, For Ever. Amen.

- The doxology is not found in the _____ Greek manuscripts, but it is found in the _____ of manuscripts. Either way, it is Biblical (*1 Chr. 29:11*).
- The doxology concludes the prayer on a note of _____. God shall do these things because He has promised He will do so.