

The Lord's Prayer Expanded

L: When we pray together The Lord's Prayer, Jesus did not ask us to repeat this prayer and other prayers over and over again without meaning. He wants us to pray with thought, meaning, and sincerity of heart. We will pray a Bible passage that helps better to explain each part of the Lord's Prayer, then we pray that part of the Lord's Prayer, silently pause to reflect and pray, and then continue. We pray.

L: Acts chapter 17, verse 24: "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth."

A: **Our Father who art in heaven;**

L: Psalm 103, verse 1: "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name."

A: **Hallowed be Thy name.**

L: Psalm 103, verse 19: "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all."

A: **Thy kingdom come.**

L: Romans, chapter 8, verse 28: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

A: **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

L: Psalm 145, verses 15 & 16: "The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

A: **Give us this day our daily bread.**

L: Psalm 51, verses 1 & 2: "You are kind, God! Please have pity on me. You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins. Wash me clean from all of my sin and guilt."

A: **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

L: Mark, chapter 14, verse 38: "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

A: **And Lead us not into temptation.**

L: Second Thessalonians, chapter 3, verse 3: "The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

A: **But deliver us from evil**

L: First Timothy, chapter 1, verse 17. "I pray that honor and glory will always be given to the only God, who lives forever and is the invisible and eternal King!"

A: **For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever and ever.**

L: Numbers chapter 5, verse 22: "Amen. So be it."

A: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer Reflectively

- L: Father reigning in heaven and earth we come to you in prayer at this time.
A: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**
- L: Your name is mud in some circles. People laugh when your name is mentioned. For some your name is nothing but a curse word. Help us to restore honor and respect to You and Your holy name.
A: **Hallowed be thy name...**
- L: We have some real difficulties here, Lord. It's so hard to see your hand at work in the world around us. Help us to see your kingdom in all you do and in all we do.
A: **Thy kingdom come...**
- L: No one seems to know the plans of heaven and very few seem to care. Your people are very confused about what your will is supposed to be on earth. Teach us your plan and work through us to accomplish your plan.
A: **Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...**
- L: Food, clothing, and shelter are our daily bread. Thank you for these blessings. Help us to share our needs with others. And help us to know the differences between needs and wants.
A: **Give us this day our daily bread...**
- L: We are rather sensitive about this, Father. We're talking about a chain reaction of forgiving. That's not so easy. We are proud. We sometimes feel guilty or miserable despite your love and acceptance. And we find it rough trying to forgive some people. Forgive us. Help us to forgive others.
A: **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...**
- L: Help us to not be tempted to sin. Show us how Christ resisted temptation by turning to you, studying Your Word, and relying on your strength.
A: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...**
- L: You are God over everything. You have the power. You have the plan. You have the honor. Take over now and rule forever. And give us the joy of seeing it happen. Amen -- it is so.
A: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**