



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven: With the confidence Jesus gives me I come to you, Father. He shows me what a wonderful Father you are, and he has made me your child. I bring my needs and the needs of my fellow Christians to you, for you are able and eager to help us.

Hallowed be your name: Lead us to honor your holy name with godly lives and faithful testimony to your Word. Restrain the scoffers and false teachers who find fault with your name. Overcome our doubts, and finally vindicate your holiness at the end of time by revealing yourself fully.

Your kingdom come: Father, reign in our hearts through the gospel of Jesus. Make our faith in him stronger so that we serve you better. Establish your reign in the hearts of others by bringing them to faith in Jesus. When Jesus returns in glory, unveil your perfect reign and let us see you face to face.

Your will be done: Govern history so that your plan of salvation in Christ may be fulfilled. Bring all your elect to stand before your throne, made new in your image and perfectly conformed to your will, the loving children of a loving Father.

Give us today our daily bread: Father, you provide generously for your children. Give us today all the material blessings we need to serve you in the manner you desire, and make us grateful for all we receive. I pray this especially for Christians distressed by need, wherever they may be.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us: Do not hold our sins against us. Use the gospel of Jesus to bring home to us the joy of your forgiveness, and enable us to stand before you fearlessly on the Last Day. I pray this for myself and all Christians. I pray this as one who has learned from you, Father, how to forgive, and I strive to prove myself your child in this way.

Lead us not into temptation: Keep your promise and be true to yourself, Father, by not doing anything that would cause us to sin. Do not abandon us in temptation, and do not let any temptation beyond our strength befall us, but send us your Spirit to defend us in every temptation. I pray this for myself and all your children.

Deliver us from evil (the evil one): Father, rescue me and all your saints in the church militant from evil. Protect us when we are tempted, assure us of your love, and transform everything that seems to harm us into blessing. Bring us all to glory, where we will worship you, our all in all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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