

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mat.26:40 Can we pray for 1 hour? Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us how to pray".

Mat.6:9 "Pray after this manner"- These are not just words to be memorized and repeated. The Lord's prayer is a pattern or outline of how to pray. Jewish teachers of Christ's time often gave outlines to their students- as Christ did in this prayer!

SECTION 1- OUR FATHER...

THEME: DRAWING NEAR TO THE LORD

- A) Who is the God we are praying to?
1. "Our"- This shows us that all of Christ's followers are a family- with our Father in heaven- who should pray together in harmony, Mat.5:23-24.
 2. Our Father- If you are a true Christian Jn.1:12, 1 Jn.3:1, Rom.8:15-16.
-If you are not a Christian, your father is the devil! Jn.8:42-44, 1 Jn.3:10.
 3. In Heaven- This shows we should not pray to "within ourselves" as false religions do. They try to make man become his own god, Gen.3:5.
- B) We must have the right attitude of heart
1. Our Father- He deserves respect and honor, Ex.20:12, Mal.1:6.
-He deserves love, 1 Jn.3:1, 1 Jn.4:19.
 2. In Heaven- We need a humble and meek attitude, Ecc.5:1-2, Isa.66:1-2.
-Praising His majesty, Heb.8:1, Dan.7:9-10.
 3. Hallowed be Thy name- Our attitude of worship should be reverence, Ex.20:7.
- C) As we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us to hear our requests, Jam. 4:8.

SECTION 2- THY KINGDOM COME...

THEME: ESTABLISHING GOD'S KINGDOM- SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- A) God has called us to help establish His Kingdom, Lk.12:32; 10:9, Mt.24:14.
- B) We need to pray to establish the Kingdom in:
1. Your life- Mat.6:33, Mat.11:12
 2. Your family- Neh.4:14
 - a) your mate, b) your children, c) other relatives
 3. Your church- Luke 12:32, Mat.16:18, Eph.5:27
 - a) Pastor b) Church leaders c) Members d) Outreach Evangelism
 4. The world- Dan. 2:44, 7:27; Rev. 11:15
 - a) Our town or city- Jer.29:7
 - b) Our island or province- Acts 1:8
 - c) Our nation- Ezek.22:30, 2 Chron.7:14
 - d) The nations of the world- Ps.2:8; Zech. 2:11
- C) The Power of God binds Satan's dominion & bring God's Kingdom, Lk.11:20, 1 Cor.4:20

1. We need to pray for the power of God, Luke 24:49; Acts 4:31-33
2. We need to use the power of God, Mat.16:19; 18:18, Ps.149:6-9, Mat.12:29- It is for all God's saints!
3. The power of God can:
 - a) Cast out devils, Mk.16:17; 6:7.
 - b) Heal the sick, Mat.10:8, Mark 16:18, Lk.5:17
 - c) Give protection, Mk.16:18, Heb.11:34, Ps.91.
 - d) Bind evil powers (demonic and human) that seek to rule over houses, churches, governments, etc. Eph.6:12, Ps.149:6-8, Mat.12:29, Acts 13:6-12.
 - e) Many things, Heb.11:33-34.

SECTION 3- GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

THEME: RECEIVING GOD'S PROVISION

- A) Have faith that God wants to be your provider, Mat. 6:33, Phil.4:19, James 1:6-7.
- B) Be in the will of God
 1. Obey God, 1 Jn.3:22, Deut.28:1-20.
 2. Pray according to God's will, 1 Jn.5:14-15; James 4:3.
 3. Be diligent in your work, 1 Thes.4:11-12; Pr.6:6-11.
 4. We must be faithful givers for God to give to us in return, Mal.3:9-10, Lk.6:38
- C) Be specific, Phil.4:6; Mat.7:7-11
- D) Persevere in prayer:
 1. For God to answer, Luke 11:5-9, Lk.18:1-7.
 2. To break through enemy resistance, Dan.10:12-14.

SECTION 4- AND FORGIVE US...

THEME: RECEIVING AND GIVING FORGIVENESS

- A) Ask God to forgive you
 1. We must confess, 1 Jn.1:9.
 - a) Confess to God, Ps.51:1-17.
 - b) Sometimes we must confess also to people, James 5:16.
 2. We must confess and forsake sin, Prov.28:13.
 3. We can escape temptation and sin, 1 Cor.10:13.
- B) We need to Forgive Others
 1. This is the key for us to receive forgiveness, Mat.6:14-15, Mat. 18:21-35.
 2. Forgiving others is a ministry that releases:
 - a) Salvation- Mk.2:5, Lk.23:40-43, Jn.20:23, 2 Cor.5:18-20.
 - b) Deliverance- Job 42:10, Mat.18:33-35.
 - c) Healing- James 5:16, Num.12:1; 10-12.
 - d) Fruitfulness- Job 42:10, Gen.41:51-52.

SECTION 5- AND LEAD US NOT...

THEME: OVERCOMING THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL

A) The Origin of Temptation:

1. It is not from God, James 1:13.
2. It is from the world: 1 Tim. 6:9; the flesh: James 1:14, Mk.7:20-23; and the Devil: Mat.4:1&3, 1 Thess.3:5.

B) The nature of Temptation: to led us to sin, bondage and destruction, James 1:14-15, 1 Tim.6:9. Samson: Jud.16:4-5; 16:21-30.

C) Our attitude towards Temptation:

1. Watch and pray to not enter it, Mat. 26:41.
2. Watch for God's way of escape and flee, 1 Cor.10:13, Gen.39:11-12; 2 Tim.2:22.
3. Overcome in a time of temptation until God delivers you, Lk.4:13, 2 Cor.12:8-9.

D) Deliverance from evil and the Devil

1. If we are snared: repent and resist, James 4:6-10, 1 Peter 5:5-9, Mat.6:12-13.
2. To be prepared for future attacks we must:
 - a) Have the full armour of God, Eph.6:11-18.
 - b) Have God's hedge of wall of protection around our family and possessions, Job 1:10, Hos.2:6-7, Zech.2:5.

SECTION 6- FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM...

THEME: PRAISING GOD

A) As we praise, our faith is strengthened and released to see God answer our prayers, Rom.4:19-21, 2 Chron.20:20-22, Eph.3:20, Mk.9:23.

1. The Kingdom- This reveals God's desire to answer our prayers, Lk.12:32,
Dan.7:18; Rom.8:32
2. The Power- This reveals God's ability to answer our prayers, Jer.32:17,
Mat.28:18.
3. The Glory- This reveals God's purpose to answer our prayers, Eph.3:12,
Isa.60:21, Ps.72:19.

B) To balance the burdens and sorrows of our prayers, the Lord wants us to finish our times of prayer by lifting our hearts in joy, Psalms 30:5; Neh.8:9.