

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Matthew 6:5-15
(Parallel Passage: Luke 11:1-4)
Sermon Series: The Sermon On The Mount

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's Prayer is also referred to as The Model Prayer. Jesus gave His Disciples a model of prayer because they, having witnessed His own prayer life, asked Him to teach them how to pray.

- "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1).

In this message, we will study seven petitions of The Lord's Prayer.

- I. **THE LOVE OF GOD** (v. 9b)
 - "Our Father which art in Heaven"
 - A. God is a Loving Father (John 3:16; 1 Pet 5:7)
 - B. We are to address our prayers to God – Our Father (John 1:12-13; 1 John 3:1)
- II. **THE HOLINESS OF GOD** (v. 9c)
 - Hallowed by thy Name"
 - A. To Hallow means to reverence, to make holy, to honor, to treat as sacred.
 - B. When we pray, we are to enter the presence of God with reverence, honor and thanksgiving.
 - C. Hallow or honor God by not violating the Third Commandment – Using God's Name in Vain (Misusing God's Name) – (Exod 20:7; Ps 99:9).
- III. **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD** (v. 10a)
 - "Thy Kingdom Come."
 - A. God's sovereignty means that He holds the highest power and authority over everything in Heaven and earth (Ps 24:1; Ps 89:11).
 - B. The kingdom of God is both here and now – and yet to come (Mark 1:15; Rev 21:4).
- IV. **THE AUTHORITY OF GOD** (v. 10b)
 - Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven"
 - A. The perfect will of God is always being done in Heaven.
 - B. God calls His children to live rightly and to do good to others, caring for others as much as for ourselves.
 - C. We are to pray that all people submit to the will of God over their own desires and faithfully love God and their neighbors as themselves (Ps 143:10; Luke 10:27).
- V. **THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD** (v. 11)
 - A. God is able to meet our needs
 - B. Daily Bread can include the daily needs of people, ministries, communities, leaders, family, friends, as well as personal needs.
 - Pray – Pray – Pray - for others and yourself.
- VI. **THE MERCY OF GOD** (vv. 12, 14-15)
 - Mercy refers to compassion, kindness, and forgiveness shown, especially to those who are in distress or have offended; to forgive the offender.

- A. We ask God to forgive us of our sins as well as for our neglect of the good things we should have done.
- B. God will forgive us only as much as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
- C. God is merciful (forgiving) and He expects us to forgive others (1 John 1:9).
- D. General Oglethorpe Admits Unforgiveness to John Wesley (Matt 6:15)

VII. THE PROTECTION OF GOD (v. 13)

- “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”
- A. “Temptation” refers to testing or proving rather than an enticement to sin (James 1:13-14).
- B. We are to pray so that we will not be tempted to do evil (sin). It is better to avoid the danger and trouble caused by sin.
- C. Pray to keep your mind off tempting situations. We can walk away from sin (wrong choices).
- D. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to withstand temptation, avoid sin, and strive for holiness.
- E. Satan is busy – always seeks to have us to do wrong (sin) (1 Cor 10:13; Eph 6:10-13).
- F. Avoiding Evil and Embracing Righteousness (Prov 4:14-15)

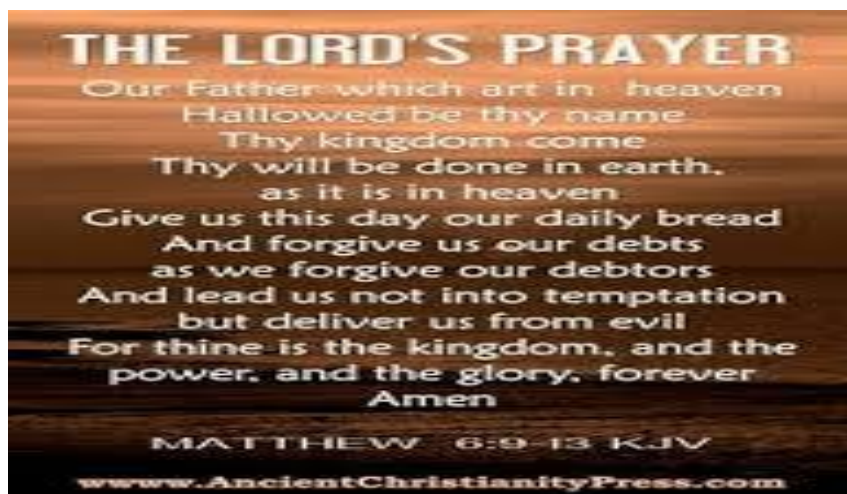
CONCLUSION:

A. Quotes on Prayer

B. “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17).

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- A – Admit that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- B – Believe that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- C – Confess/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).