

Honouring God Lord Teach Us to Prayer

Even Jesus' closest friends, the disciples wanted to know how to pray. The disciples were with Jesus all the time and were with him when he went to pray and heard his prayers to God as well, yet they still weren't sure how they were supposed to do it. The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 could be analyzed into sections. The first two verses address God as Father and other praise to Him. In verses, 11-13 special requests are made for food, forgiveness and protection, "in 'Jesus' name."

Before Jesus teaches the prayer, he has a few things to say first. He says that we should keep our prayers simple. God listens to us no matter if our prayers are long or short and if you just don't have the right words God knows what we mean (and we don't need to use fancy words either)!

Jesus also mentions that we shouldn't 'show off' when we pray. He said this to the people that used to stand on the street corners praying so that everyone would see how 'great' they were. God doesn't want us to pray so people can see us or to hear how great we can pray. He wants us to pray in a quiet place with our own words our needs, thanks, praise, and what we're sorry for.

This is how Jesus told us we should pray:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

This prayer might be a little tough to understand when you first hear it, but we're going to go through it and try to explain what it means.

Our Father which art in heaven means we're praying to our father who is in heaven.

Hallowed be thy name is next and it means holy is your name. Even though God wants us to call him our father, he is still God.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. If we think about where God lives, we know it's pretty great.

Give us this day our daily bread means give us today all that we need. Keep in mind that these are things that we can't live without.

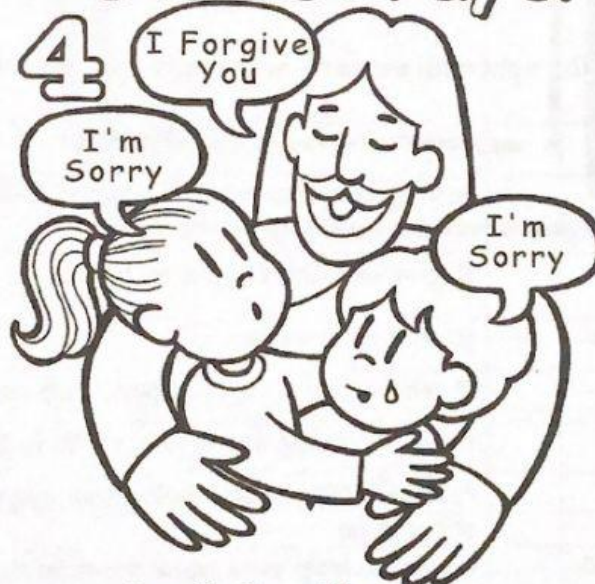
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. This next part of the prayer is asking for forgiveness for our mistakes. Forgiveness means that we are sorry for something we've done and we don't want to do it anymore.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Is it sometimes tempting to do something you're not supposed to? This part of the prayer is really neat because it asks God to help us to know the right thing to do.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. The last part of the prayer is the best part! For yours is the kingdom means that Heaven will last forever and will always be God's.

Anyone can read the Lord's Prayer, so it's important to think about what you're saying. Prayer is our special way of talking to God so remember to pray as many times as you can. God loves you and wants to know everything about you and how you're doing.

The Lord's Prayer



**And forgive us
our debts
as we forgive
our debtors — Matt 6:12**

Date: _____

1. Where can you find the Lord's Prayer in the Bible? [1]

2. How many sections is the Lords' Prayer divided into? [1]

3. What are THREE things God said that we should remember to do before we pray? [3]

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Match the meanings on the right with the parts of the prayer on the left. [7]

Parts of the Lords' Prayer		Meanings
1. forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors		A. kingdom means that Heaven will last forever and will always be God's.
2. lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil		B. give us today all that we need
3. Our Father which art in heaven		C. holy is your name
4. For thine is the kingdom		D. where God lives, we know it's pretty great
5. Hallowed be thy name		E. we're praying to our father who is in heaven
6. kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven		F. Forgiveness means that we are sorry for something we've done
7. Give us this day our daily bread		G. God to help us to know the right thing to do

5. Explain the meaning of prayer. [1]
