

Praying the Lord's Prayer - MATTHEW 6:7-13

Our Father in Heaven

- Start in the posture of a child. You are his beloved son/daughter.
- He loves to give good gifts to His children.
- Remember His love for you expressed in Jesus as you approach him.
- Because of Jesus, you can approach "boldly."
- You stand in the "same place" as Jesus.
- Rehearse the truths of the Gospel and invite the Spirit to remind you of all that is true of Jesus and now of you in Him.

Hallowed Be Your Name

- Move toward praise and thanksgiving.
- Praise Him for who He is and thank Him for what He has done.
- Use the Psalms to lead in prayer.
- Valley of Vision

Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done

- Commit yourself to His will.
- Pray for his rule and reign over your life and what you are able to influence. True and absolute surrender.
- Ask Him to reveal places where you are not seeking his kingdom first.

On Earth as it is in Heaven

- What is God doing to bring about his will and purpose? Ask and surrender.
- What "heavenly" things are you longing for now? Cry out for these!
- Tell God what earthly things are troubling you and ask for his heavenly perspective and solutions.
- Pray kingdom prayers ... that what is true in heaven will be true here.

Give Us the Day Our Daily Bread

- Ask him to meet your basic needs.
- Bring your petitions before him.
- Bring the needs of others before him.

Forgive Us Our Debts as we also have Forgiven our Debtors.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal unbelief or rebellion.
- Acknowledge it as sin and ask him to forgive you.
- Extend forgiveness to others.

Lead Us Not into Temptation but Deliver us from Evil

- Ask the Spirit to reveal areas of weakness or vulnerability to the evil one.
- Ask for power to overcome sin and for deliverance from the evil one.
- Pray to renounce the flesh (put off) and embrace God's Spirit (put on).