

Jesus gave His disciples a way to pray in what we call the **LORD'S PRAYER**. This prayer is:

- more accurately the disciples' prayer
- not meant to be said or repeated by rote
- not meant to replace our actual prayers
- rather a model or guide for us to follow

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= in this manner, thus, so
= in this way, likewise

- the list of the ingredients of effective prayer by topic, covering every aspect of prayer

(Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4)

* **WORSHIP** – **OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME**

- we, truly saved believers, are the children of God by adoption, by election, by regeneration and by faith
- our primary desire is that our Father's name be hallowed = regarded and treated as holy
 - by everyone, everywhere at all times
 - by us in every area of our lives, in attitude, words and ways
- hallowing His name is the opposite of taking His name in vain by rebellious disobedience, unbelief, denial and the distortion of who He truly is

(Ro 8:15; 1 Pe 2:9; Ti 3:5; Gal 3:26; Jn 4:23; Heb 11:6, 11:1)

* **FOCUS** – **YOUR KINGDOM COME**

- His kingdom = wherever God has dominion and absolute sovereign rule

- a) a request expressing an attitude of eager expectation of the coming of Jesus to rule in peace, righteousness and glory
- b) we pray that the kingdom of God, which is in us, will be realized and made visible as we ask Him to have absolute rule in our lives
- c) we pray that God would increase and expand His kingdom on earth by bringing others to the kingdom through salvation

- we focus continually on the kingdom of God

(Lk 17:20-21; Mt 6:33, 4:17)

* **SUBMISSION** – **YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

- wherever God's kingdom is His will is done
- in heaven His will is done perfectly
- we pray that His will might always be paramount in our lives as well
- a desire to submit to God's will is evidence that we have been saved
- we are asking God to do whatever He wants and everyone on earth to do His will

(Ps 103:20-21; 1 Jn 5:14-15)

* **PETITION** **INTERCESSION**

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

- bread = a staple of life representing all the physical needs of life

- it is an acknowledgement that we are totally dependent on God for all that we need to live and serve Him as His disciples in this world
- we ask for today's needs, not tomorrow's

(Phil 4:19; Rom 8:32; Mt 6:33-34)

* **CONFESSION** – **FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS**

- this petition encompasses our spiritual needs and looks to God as the provider of them all
- we desire peace with God through confession and forgiveness and a peaceful and loving relationship with each other
- an unforgiving spirit is a kingdom hindrance

(1 Jn 1:8-10; Ph 3:12; Eph 4:32)

* **GUIDANCE** – **DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

- we pray to God, as He orders our steps to keep us in close fellowship in trials and temptations and help in avoiding sin and evil

(Ja 1:13-14; Ps 37:23-24; 1 Cor 10:13)

* **WORSHIP** – **FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN**