

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Use this model or outline to write your own prayers.

1. Our Father which art in heaven,

Jesus invites us to go directly to the Father. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 4: 4-6). He loves us. If we receive Jesus and believe in His name, He gives us the power to become the sons of God (John 1:12). We are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:26). This reverent greeting is sometimes called an invocation.

Greeting to our loving Father _____

2. Hallowed be Thy name.

We worship and adore our almighty and loving Father. He is good and holy; His name is holy. He is eternal, the Creator, Master and Provider of all. He is all-knowing and present everywhere. He is righteous, great, glorious, wise, majestic, just, merciful, and true. We tell him we love and worship him. You are worthy of honor because _____

3. Thy kingdom come.

Jesus came to Earth as the Lamb of God (John 1:29) and will return as King of Kings (I Tim. 6:15). We are to seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33). God is our King (Ps. 5:2). When Jesus comes again, the kingdom of God will rule the world and every knee shall bow to God (Rom. 14:10-11). Sin, sorrow, and Satan will be cast out (Rev. 20:10; Rev. 21:4).

May You be King of All _____

4. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

We want what God wants for us. God knows what is best. Jesus himself prayed, "...not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42) We want to follow God's will and obey Him.

God, if you are willing, _____

5. Give us this day our daily bread.

We depend on God every day, not once a week, for our food and other needs. He gives us spiritual food, too. Jesus is the Bread of Life. He broke bread and told his disciples to remember Him.

Give us (or Thank You for) _____

6. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Debts and trespasses are names for our sins against God. We do not always obey Him and love Him with all our heart. Sometimes we know what is right and we do not want to do it. We should confess our sins. Jesus wants us to forgive those who do wrong to us (Matt. 18:21-35). He died on the cross to forgive our sin (Eph. 4:32).

Forgive us _____ We forgive _____

7. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

Jesus told his disciples, "...rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." (Luke 22:46) We must ask God to help us resist temptation to sin. Sin can be stealing, lying, sneaking, cheating, hurting others or bad thoughts. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." (Ps. 119:11)

Evil can be sin and danger. Danger can come from wrong friends or people. We need to depend on God to deliver us when evil and trouble come and not be afraid.

Help us _____ Deliver us _____

8. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

We praise the Most High God with all our heart. This is sometimes called a doxology.

Praise _____