

The Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1–4

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

Main Point

We as disciples of Jesus must pray even as our Lord modeled for us.

I. Introduction

- A. Prayer is that spiritual discipline which most Christians will likely say “I do not pray enough.” Yet it is this spiritual discipline which all Christians must do as an expression of trust in God and delight in His Person.
- B. Our prayers should be deeper and more meaningful than we often make them. Yet we should not put a quantity on it (e.g., “you should be praying for two hours every morning” or “don’t pray more than 15 minutes or else it becomes vain repetitions”). It is the *quality* of the prayer that Christ emphasizes to his disciples.

II. Exposition

- A. The Disciples’ Plea—*Teach us to pray*
- B. The Teacher’s Model—*Pray this way*
 - 1. The Address: *Father*
 - 2. The Requests:
 - a) May your name be seen as holy
 - b) May your kingdom of righteousness prevail
 - c) May your will be done
 - d) May you provide for our daily needs
 - e) May you forgive us of our sins
 - f) May you deliver us from evil

III. Truths

- A. Pray!
- B. Pray that God be exalted and regarded as holy.
- C. Pray in faith for God’s will to be done—it *will* be done.
- D. Pray Scripture back to the Lord.