

# ***The Lord's Prayer***



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## As In Heaven

***Matthew 6:9-10 After this manner therefore pray ye:  
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in  
heaven.***



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ayer can be  
compared to a  
letter sent up to God.

There's a name and

address for this letter : to Our Father which art in heaven. There's also a date for the letter : this day. Whenever we pray we're saying that God is our Father in Heaven and that we can't live in this world without Him. As with all things, prayer should begin with God and be about glorifying Him. We should glorify God first because of who God is, that He's perfect in all things. For this reason we should pray hallowed be thy name, in the hope that everyone would recognise the greatness of God's name. We should honour it above every other name, especially above our own name!

After glorifying God for who He is, we should then glorify God for what He does, part of which is

establishing His kingdom. A lot of the Lord Jesus' teaching was about the Kingdom of God. It's no coincidence that God's Kingdom appears early in the Lord's Prayer. Jesus said "the Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). We should pray for God's kingdom to come within us so that by our witness and good works others may give glory to God and also be brought into His Kingdom. God's Kingdom must overtake every other kingdom! Let's pray that in all things the kingdom of darkness will give place to God's Kingdom of light.

The Kingdom of God is about God's ways in this world so it's only proper that we should then pray "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven". Our wills and our ways should give place to God's will and God's ways. As this happens we'll begin to see God's kingdom come in power on the earth. Let's pray that God's will would be done in all things, as in heaven, so in earth.

## Our Daily Bread

***Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread***



**T**here's much in our Lord's prayer but there's one thing that's very

obviously missing. It is "I". There is only "us" and "we". Our prayers should first begin with God and His glory, to honour Him as God before we bring ourselves on the scene. The Pharisee stood and prayed with himself and it is this type of praying that we should avoid. "*I thank you Lord that I am not like this sinner, for I give tithes of all I possess, I fast twice a week and I am not like other men*" (Luke 18:11-12). There were many "I's" in the Pharisee's prayer, but there is not a single "I" in our Lord's prayer. The Pharisee's prayer begins with himself and ends with himself. The Lord's prayer begins with God and ends with God. Prayer should be about God and His glory, not our own vain glory.

Just as the children of Israel were dependant on God for their daily supply of Manna, we should also trust our Heavenly Father to supply our daily bread. We

should take no thought for tomorrow for tomorrow will take thought for the things of itself. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). It's only for "today" that we should be concerned about.

It's true that we should ask our Heavenly Father to supply our daily physical needs, but man cannot live by bread alone but by every word of God. As such we should also trust our Heavenly Father to supply our daily spiritual needs by His Word (Luke 4:4). Let's pray our Heavenly Father to bless His Word to us daily. Let's read it daily and by doing so receive the true bread of heaven for our souls.

## Forgive Us

***Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors***



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here was a man  
who was

forgiven a million dollar  
debt. However he then

saw someone who owed him one hundred dollars and he grabbed him by the throat and said "pay me all that you owe!" That man is like us. We owe a massive debt to God for our sins and wrongdoings. When someone wrongs us it's like the one hundred dollars, but our own sins against God are like the one million dollars.

When the judge heard that the man He just forgave the one million dollars had chased someone for one hundred dollars he thought "how ungrateful!" He ordered that man to come back and sent him off to prison saying "you should have followed my example and forgiven your brother just like I had forgiven you. Now you will pay for your one million dollars and you won't be out of prison until you have paid every last cent!"

The problem we have is that we don't have anything to pay God for our sins. However there is forgiveness with Him, that He may be feared (Psalm 130:4). All of our one million dollar debt to God for our sins is paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ as he hung on the cross. He said "it is finished" or in other words "paid in full" (John 19:30). He paid the whole one million dollar debt for sins right down to the last cent for all those who trust Him for forgiveness. Those who have been forgiven much will love much (Luke 7:47). For those who know how much they have been forgiven by God for their own sins, it's only natural that they will then forgive the wrongdoings of others.

## Deliver Us

***Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil***



**T**he thing which we all need to be delivered from is evil, and the thing which leads

to evil is temptation. When our first parents sinned in taking of the fruit that they were commanded not to eat, the idea to do this did not arise only from themselves. It's said "the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made" (Genesis 3:1), and it was therefore through the serpent that the arch-enemy of both God and man first made his attack on God's creation. This first attack was in the form of an attack on God's Word by saying "Yea, hath God said" (Genesis 3:1). This was a temptation to doubt God's Word, which then led to the next temptation of thinking the fruit was good to make one wise, leading to the actual eating of the fruit and the downfall of the whole human race.

The devil enticed and tempted our first parents into evil by a terrible lie. Since then evil has been the

common estate of human existence. Now, not only do we have the devil still to tempt us, but also the world and the flesh as well! The world which has become infected with the same evil disobedience to God is a constant temptation to forget the true God. It says to us "eat, drink and be merry" without regard to the One who gave us all these blessings to enjoy. Also our own sinful nature is now more than prone to lead us into evil by sin and disobedience to God.

So with these three evil enemies against us: the world the flesh and the devil, our Saviour teaches us to pray "deliver us from evil". Also to pray that we would not be led into temptation in the first place! Let's pray that through Christ and the blood of His atoning death for us that we may be forgiven and delivered from all evil.

## Kingdom, Power & Glory

***Matthew 6:13 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***



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his is not the  
first time

these words appear in

Scripture. In the Old Testament King David said "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, *and the power, and the glory,* and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; *thine is the kingdom,* O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all" (1 Chronicles 29:11). David said these words when talking about building the Temple of the Lord. In the New Testament, Jesus (the Son of David) who is the fulfilment of that Old Testament temple, also makes mention of these words "thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory."

David was talking about a temple made with hands which took years to build. Our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled that temple with a temple made without hands which only took three days to build! Jesus was talking about the temple of His body (John 2:21). He did this by the

sacrifice of His body on the cross for us and being raised on the third day. In His death on the cross our Lord Jesus Christ made a once for all sacrifice for sins which is what all those Old Testament sacrifices were actually pointing to. This is all about the kingdom, power and glory of God. By His death on the cross Jesus brings many sons unto glory for those who believe in Him (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus was raised on the third day by the power of God, and so will all those who believe in Jesus also be raised to life by the power of God. Jesus opened the way to God's Kingdom by a new and living way (Hebrews 10:20), and those who believe in Jesus are the sons of this Kingdom who will appear with Him in His Kingdom.

By Jesus' death on the cross, God has shown us His grace in sharing His Kingdom with those who believe and follow Jesus Christ. To Him be all the power and the glory, the victory, the majesty and the dominion, both now and forever. Amen.

*To God be the glory, great things He has done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

## ***"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" by Joseph Scriven***

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?*

*We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Can we find a Friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou will find a solace there.*

## Short Biography of Joseph Scriven

Thousands have been cheered in time of trouble, and so led nearer to Christ by the sweet and simple hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus". Very few hymns have been more widely published or more frequently sung.

The author was born in Dublin in 1820 and came to Canada when he was twenty five years old. There he lived a useful life until his death in 1886. The young lady to whom he was to be married was accidently drowned on the eve of their wedding day. This led him to consecrate his life and fortune to the service of Christ.

Though a graduate of Trinity College and a man of refinement, he chose humble duties. One afternoon he was seen walking down the streets of Port Hope (Ontario) where he lived, dressed as a plain workingman and carrying a saw-horse and a saw on his mission of help. Someone noticing that a friend recognised him said: "Do you know that man? What is his name and where does he live? I want someone to cut wood and I find it difficult to get a sober man to do the work faithfully."

"But you can't get that man" was the reply. "That is Mr. Scriven. He won't cut wood for you!"

"Why not?" asked his friend.

"Because you are able to pay for it. He only saws wood for poor widows and sick people!"

Until a short time before his death it was not known that he had a poetic gift. A neighbour sitting up with him in his illness happened upon a manuscript copy of "What a friend we have in Jesus." Reading it with great delight and questioning Mr. Scriven about it, he said that he had written it for his mother to comfort her in a time of sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it. Sometime later when another Port Hope neighbour asked him if it was true that he composed the hymn his reply was "The Lord and I did it between us"!

When this hymn was first published no one knew who the author was until about thirty years after it was published.

*Source : Sankey's Story Of The Gospel Hymns.*

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