

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:9a (NIV) “This, then, is how you should pray”

Our story today is recorded in two of the Gospels- Matthew and Luke. Jesus is still alive on earth, and is teaching His disciples important lessons that they will need when he is gone from them. Both Luke Chapter 11 and Matthew Chapter 6 tell us that Jesus and his disciples have been together for quite a long time now.

Jesus’ disciples have noticed that Jesus prays- a lot!- and that they don’t pray as often as Jesus does. Jesus seems to be talking with his Father God all the time.

Jesus has been showing his followers about God’s Way of Living. Now they want to learn about God’s Way of Praying. So they ask Jesus to teach them.

Jesus says:
“This is how you should pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.”

Sound familiar? Probably. We call this prayer that Jesus gave us “The Lord’s Prayer”, and it is part of every church service. Christians pray this way lots of other times, too. We usually add extra praise to God to the end. We say: “For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.”

When we pray with this one prayer, we worship God, we ask Him to give us what we need, we ask for His help to do the right things, and we promise to forgive others, just as we know that God forgives and loves us.

Christians have learned and practiced this Lord’s Prayer for almost two thousand years. Millions and millions of people pray it every day, in their own languages.

The Lord’s Prayer will be In our service later on. So keep listening for it. And join in if you can, because prayer is a path to Jesus.

Wonder Question: Can you recite the Lord’s Prayer by heart? Practice saying it and think about what each part means!

Lord's Prayer Word Search

T V S I M P L E
Y A R P T U K Y
Z P O W E R S E
S D N A H R A S



ask
eyes
hands
power
pray
simple

