



All About Jesus – The Lord’s Prayer in a Nutshell

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The Lord’s Prayer begins with God.

Our Father

The beginning and end of all prayer is an understanding of the father heart of God.

We asked these questions:

- Who is this Divine Being we pray to?
- Where does this Divine Being dwell?
- How do we approach this Divine Being?

He is Father.

He is never the one that is acted upon; He is always the one who acts. We come to Him to let Him act upon us and our needs.

When we pray Our Father, we are asking Him to father us.

He is in the heavens.

Where is God? He is in the air (the atmosphere around us).

He is with us, all around us, in us, and for us. All we need to do is to be aware, open our hearts and breathe.

He is Hallowed.

He is set apart. Holy God Is Only Good, Always Good. God Is Good All The Time.

Your Kingdom Come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The declaration precedes three petitions.

God’s kingdom and His will:

- precedes provision, pardon and protection
- promotes righteousness, peace and joy
- produces the attitude of gratitude

We pray His Kingdom, His rule His will – into every aspect of our lives, our circumstances and those around us.

1. Give us this day our daily bread.

The prayer is not to remind God to provide for me but to remind myself to depend on Him

- It is a prayer to be trained to trust God daily.
- It is a prayer to be content with our portion for today.
- It is a prayer to live a life of truth free from earthly facades.

2. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

It is a prayer to experience true forgiveness. “Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.”

The act of receiving forgiveness is inseparable from the act of giving forgiveness

If you want to experience true forgiveness, draw from your experience of receiving Divine forgiveness and let it overflow through you by experiencing the act of forgiving another.

3. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

The prayer is two-fold:

- protection from my vulnerable self
- and protection from the evil one.

Always remember when facing temptation:

- God does not tempt us. It’s contrary to his nature.
- The devil looks for every opportunity to tempt us away from God. Stay close to the Lord and His word.
- A Christian is encouraged to endure temptation to “become approved” and receive the crown of life. Keep hope alive. This too shall pass.

That was the prayer. Then comes the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY:

Matthew 6:13b - **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The New Living Translation (NLT) does not have this doxology but places it in a footnote: “Some manuscripts add: ‘For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’”

The earlier NU (Alexandrian text) does not have this doxology found in the later Majority (Byzantine text).

The importance is that certainly from early fifth century the church was ending the Lord’s Prayer with the doxology.

The theology behind the doxology

All prayer, as is in life, begins and ends with God: Genesis 1 – **In the beginning God** and ends with (Revelation 22:21) – **Christ our Lord.**

As seen in the life of David – with the prayer he prayed at the end of his life.

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NKJV)

**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
And You are exalted as head over all.**

David led an open and transparent life – with all its failures and successes.

So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honour.

So received was David by God, that God would let His only Son carry David's name.

Matthew 1:1 - **The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David,
the Son of Abraham.**

The theme of David's life was: **Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory.**

As seen in the life of a true believer

2 Corinthians 4:7 - **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the
power may be of God and not of us.**

Earthen vessels were clay vessels – they were disposable containers.

It is Christ in us that is the treasure.

The Lord's Prayer is anchored in these three solid immovable declarations:

1. CHRIST'S KINGDOM – established now and forever

Revelation 11:15 - **Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices
shouting in heaven: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our
Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."**

2. CHRIST'S POWER – unrivalled and incomparable

Ephesians 1:19-20 - **I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's
power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that
raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at
God's right hand in the heavenly realms.**

3. CHRIST'S GLORY – majestic unfading brilliance

Hebrews 1:3 - **The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God,
and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.**

Revelation 1:14 -15 - **His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his
eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a
furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves.**

The doxology acknowledges that:

- God is first and last.
- God is the beginning, God is the end.
- He is alpha, He is Omega.

Thine is the Kingdom, Thine is the power, Thine is the glory.