



Lord, Teach us to Pray...

Luke 11:1-4

Matthew 6:9-13



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OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN

- Simple and faithful trust, humble and joyous assurance
- God as Father – Protector and Provider and we are God's children
- Make us part of God's community, God's family
- Called to foster in us a humble and trusting heart.
- "When we say "Our" Father, we are invoking the new covenant in Jesus Christ, communion with the Holy Trinity, and the divine love which spreads through the Church to encompass the world." (CCC)
- "Who art in heaven" does not refer to a place but to God's majesty and his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, the Father's house, is the true homeland toward which we are heading and to which, already, we belong.

1. "HALLOWED BE THY NAME"

- To recognize as God's Name holy, to treat in a holy way.
- Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy.... Moses and Isaiah
- "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" - and although the Lord shows patience for the sake of his name, the people turn away from the Holy One of Israel and profane his name among the nations. (CCC)
- In the waters of Baptism, we have been "washed . . . sanctified . . . justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." (CCC)

2. THY KINGDOM COME

- In the New Testament, the word *basileia* can be translated by "kingship" (abstract noun), "kingdom" (concrete noun) or "reign" (action noun).
- The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us. It is brought near in the Word incarnate, it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel, and it has come in Christ's death and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. (CCC)
- Beatitudes: Sermon on the Mount – Proclamation of the Kingdom
- St. Paul speaks about Kingdom of God not as eating and drinking, but of Justice, Peace, love, and Joy given by the Holy Spirit. Let us make our aim to work for peace and strengthen one another. (Rom 14: 17 – 19)
- The Kingdom of God is for me: Liberation, Love and Life

3. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

- Our Father "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. – Truth is to love God and One another. The will of God: LOVE
- In the prayer of agony of Jesus in the garden, he consents totally to this will: "not my will, but yours be done."
- What is God's WILL for you, your family, your community?
- By prayer we can discern "what is the will of God" and obtain the endurance to do it.¹⁰⁸ Jesus teaches us that one enters the kingdom of heaven not by speaking words, but by doing "the will of my Father in heaven." (CCC)

4. "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

- Jesus teaches us this petition, because it glorifies our Father by acknowledging how good God is, beyond all goodness. The trust of children who look to their Father for everything is beautiful.
- The drama of hunger in the world calls Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility toward their brethren, both in their personal behavior and in their solidarity with the human family. This petition of the Lord's Prayer cannot be isolated from the parables of the poor man Lazarus and of the Last Judgment.
(CCC)
- Pray and work." "Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you."
- How much do I depend on the material things? Do I trust in God/
- Do I share my things with others? Generosity

5. "AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US"

- And forgive us our trespasses . . . Jesus Christ's sacrifice is "that sins may be forgiven."
- The Parables of Jesus on Forgiveness: Prodigal son,
- Forgive those who trespass against us...Christian prayer extends to the *forgiveness of enemies*
- There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness, (70 X 7)
- Forgive them Father, they do not know what they are doing...

6. "AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"

- This petition goes to the root of the preceding one, for our sins result from our consenting to temptation; we therefore ask our Father not to "lead" us into temptation. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle "between flesh and spirit"; this petition implores the Spirit of **discernment** and strength.
- "Lead us not into temptation" implies a *decision of the heart*: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . No one can serve two masters."
- It is by his prayer that Jesus vanquishes the tempter, both at the outset of his public mission and in the ultimate struggle of his agony.
- Awake, Vigilance and *final perseverance* ... *Can you not pray for one hour?*
- *This petition is under our control .. Freedom to choose or Addiction!!!*

7. BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

- The last petition to our Father is also included in Jesus' prayer: "I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one." – Deliverance for whole of human family – Communal Evil
- In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God. The devil (*dia-bolos*) is the one who "throws himself across" God's plan and his work of salvation accomplished in Christ.
- the Spirit and the Church pray: "Come, Lord Jesus,"¹⁷³ since his coming will deliver us from the Evil One.
- When we ask to be delivered from the Evil One, we pray as well to be freed from all evils, present, past, and future,...In this final petition, the Church brings before the Father all the distress of the world.
- Praying for world peace, end of war and violence
- "A world at prayer is a world at peace" – Ven. Patrick Peyton, CSC