

“The great beauty of the Lord’s Prayer is that it maintains a focus on God.” Paul Thigpen, C.S. Lewis Institute

**THE LORD’S PRAYER – MATTHEW 6:9-13 (NLT)**

“Pray like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.**”

**THE LORD’S PRAYER – CONTEMPORARY VERSION**

“Our Father in heaven, <sup>(1)</sup> hallowed be your name, <sup>(2)</sup> your Kingdom come, <sup>(3)</sup> your will be done, on earth as in heaven. <sup>(1)</sup> **Give us today our daily bread.** <sup>(2)</sup> **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.** <sup>(3)</sup> **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**”<sup>(Petitions)</sup>

**Petition #1 = “Give us today the food we need...” MATT. 6:11**

→ Practical Request = \_\_\_\_\_ = We ask God to meet our basic needs

→ It is God’s desire to \_\_\_\_\_ for His children

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” PHIL. 4:6

“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” PHIL. 4:19

**Petition #2 = “... and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.” MATT. 6:12**

→ Practical Request = \_\_\_\_\_ = We ask God to forgive our sins as we forgive others

→ Forgiveness requires \_\_\_\_\_

→ The #1 sign that the grace of God has truly sunken in is our willingness to extend it

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” MATT. 6:14-15

“If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 JOHN 1:9

**Petition #3 = “And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.” MATT. 6:13**

→ Practical Request = \_\_\_\_\_ = We ask God to keep temptation away, remove it, or give us the strength to overcome it

→ Lead us not into temptation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our weakness and dependence on God.

“And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, ‘God is tempting me.’ God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. **Temptation comes from our own desires**, which entice us and drag us away. **These desires give birth to sinful actions.** And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.” JAMES 1:13-15

“Don’t let me drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. Don’t let me share in the delicacies of those who do wrong.” PS. 141:4

The Lord’s Prayer ends in a similar way to how it started – by acknowledging God’s goodness and His greatness.  
It ends with words of praise!  
**“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”**