

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus gave us the greatest model prayer ever in what we call 'The Lord's Prayer'. It starts with a God who is in the now and ends with eternity. It covers all the important areas of our daily lives and also reminds us of each member of the Trinity. The prayer begins with 'Our Father'. Before we go anywhere in prayer, we must recognize and have reverence for the source of all that is good and true.....our heavenly Father. In this lesson, we will give an overview of the segments we will be covering. God is revealing new things to me as we go on this journey, which has made it fresh and exciting. God knows that I have needed reminders of some things that I have let slip from my attention. Enjoy the journey with me. - John Beckerink

The Lord's Prayer and the Trinity

Father The prayer begins with God our Father. When we pray 'give us' we remember the source of our blessings is from our Father. - James 1:12

Jesus We have no access to God without the blood of Jesus. When we pray 'forgive us' we remember that Jesus' blood opened the path to heaven's throne / Hebrews 10:19-20

Holy Spirit When we pray 'lead us' we remember Holy Spirit who guides us in daily life.
John 16:13

The Lord's Prayer: Past, Present and Future

God has us covered in each time frame of our life. He meets our needs today, He forgives our past, present and future sins and He will lead us into the future and protect us.

The Greatest P's of the Lord's Prayer

- * **Greatest Person** *Our Father.* A proper view of God will shape our life, destiny and our prayer life. We are loved, accepted and humbled in His presence.
- * **Greatest Perspective** *In Heaven.* We have not fully prayed through until we see things from God's heavenly point of view
- * **Greatest Protocol** *Hallowed Be Thy Name.* When one approaches kingly royalty, there is a proper way to do so. Enter with respect, honor, praise, thanksgiving.
- * **Greatest Priority** *Thy Kingdom Come.* We seek and submit to what is on God's heart, His loving reign over our life. This prayer is not merely petition, but a declaration with authority. 'Come Thy Kingdom!' We take God's Names which reveal His character and nature and declare them boldly as appropriate to current needs and circumstances.
- * **Greatest Partnership** *Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.* God has chosen to use humans as his co-heirs and co-workers to usher in His kingdom purposes. Prayer is a relationship, fellowship and rulership.

Prayer is earthly license for heavenly interference. - Myles Munroe

- * **Greatest Provision** *Give us this day our daily bread.* God knows what we need today and even into the future. Provision = pro/before vision/to see God sees before to provide for us. Just ask. He wants us to trust Him daily.

Life is meant to be a succession of discoveries of our need of Christ. - Malcolm Smith

- * **Greatest Pardon** *Forgive us as we forgive others.* Jesus has paid for all of our sins but He wants us to keep short accounts with Him and others as we confess our sins to Him and one another. - 1 John 1:9, James 5:16
- * **Greatest Path** *Lead us not into temptation.* How many problems do we get into because we go 'our way' instead of 'God's way'. His path of wisdom is found in the Bible. The book of Proverbs should be required reading in all schools.
- * **Greatest Protection** *Deliver us from evil.* As we pray, God goes before us by His Spirit and assigns angels to act as security guards over us.
- * **Greatest Proclamation** *Yours is the kingdom, power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.* All of life begins with God the Father and it all ends with Him. Even Jesus hands the kingdom back to the Father after He has destroyed all other dominion, authorities and powers.
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-26

***'For from Him....through Him.....and to Him.....are all things.
to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen!' - Romans 11:36***

- * **AMEN** *It means faithful, true, trustworthy* / Jesus in Revelation 3:14
Common usage today....so be it or may it be so.
Amen is a declaration of certainty and assurance based on our God who is faithful and true as we come to His throne and courtroom. Also used as legal term as a witness eg. Numbers 5:22, John 8:58. One writer in the Talmud takes the initial letters of Amen to represent: el melekh neeman / God Faithful King.
It is fitting to close our prayer not thinking of our faith or self but of the one we have prayed to:

GOD FAITHFUL KING