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## The Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6: 5-15](#)

<sup>9</sup> *“Pray, then, in this way:*

*Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.*

<sup>10</sup> *May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

<sup>11</sup> *Give us today our daily bread.<sup>[c]</sup>*

<sup>12</sup> *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

<sup>13</sup> *And do not bring us to the time of trial,<sup>[d]</sup> but rescue us from the evil one.<sup>[e]</sup>*

I learned the Lord's Prayer as a child, but I have a different perspective since I was asked to do this devotion. This prayer isn't just a way to communicate with God. The Lord's Prayer is also a blueprint we should live by. 1. Praise God every day. 2. Forgive others daily. How can we expect God to forgive us if we can't forgive those who have wronged us? 3. Turn your problems over to God. 4. Listen for God's answer.

All parents love to hear from their children, and God wants to hear from us. We should pray daily and thank Him for our many blessings.

Our relationship with God isn't only about us and what we want. One way to forgive others is to pray for them. You will be surprised how God can transform your heart by having a closer relationship with Him.

We all like to be in control - at work, at home, while driving etc. When we pray, we must turn all our problems over to God. It is such a stress reliever to say: “Thy will be done.”

Everyone should pray privately. Yes, God already knows what is in your heart, but he wants that communication. As with any friend, you need to talk and know when to listen. 1Kings 19: 11-13 tell us God answers us in a quiet gentle voice.

As we prepare for Easter, take time out of your busy, noisy, hectic life to talk to God quietly so you can hear his voice and be willing to listen. As Jesus prepared for his ministry in the desert, let us pray daily to prepare for what God has planned for us.

***Prayer:*** *Dear Lord who created the heavens and the earth, thank you for answering our prayers. Give us the patience to listen for your answer to our requests so we can become better Christians. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.*

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