

## The Lord's Prayer

I cannot pray "Our" if my faith has no room for others and their need.

I cannot pray "Father" if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.

I cannot pray "who art in Heaven" if all of my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray "hallowed be thy name" if I am not striving for God's help to be holy.

I cannot pray "thy kingdom come" if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.

I cannot pray "thy will be done" if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray "on earth as it is in Heaven" unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray "give us this day our daily bread" without expending honest effort for it or if I would withhold from my neighbor the bread I receive.

I cannot pray "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray "deliver us from evil" if I am not prepared to fight with my life and my prayer.

I cannot pray "for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours" if I am unwilling to obey the King, or if I am seeking power for myself or my own glory first.

I cannot pray "forever and ever" if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray "Amen" unless I honestly say "Not my will, but thy will be done; so let it be".

"And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:7-8

Pray for others. Prayer is one of the best free gifts we can receive and give. There is little or no cost, but a lot of rewards. Let's continue praying for one another.

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