



“In this manner, therefore,
pray...” – Matthew 6:9

The Lord's Prayer

Introduction

- The Lord's prayer comes in the middle of the Sermon on the Mountain (Matt. 5-7)
- The Lord's prayer was not a prayer that the Lord could pray
- It was given to the disciples only
 - "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying..." (Matt. 5:1-2)

Introduction

- The Lord's prayer was a secret in the early Church
- We pray the Lord's prayer before communion...
- *"We may dare with boldness, without fear, to pray to You, O God, the hold Father who is in the heavens, and say..."* (St. Basil Liturgy)

Our Father

- Unity
- Equality before God
- *“By inward prayer the inequality of human things is thwarted. It shows how nearly equal are the king and the poor person in all those matters that are most indispensable and of greatest weight. Behind those closed doors before God, we are all equals.”* (St. John Chrysostom)
- *“The cause of every misery, grief, sadness, and evil on earth is the word ‘mine.’”* (St. John Chrysostom)

In Heaven

- Invokes meekness
- Heaven is His kingdom
- We must abide by His rules, not ours

1. Hallowed be Your name

- Lit. “Make Your name holy or sanctified”
- We ought to pray that His holy name be hallowed both in us and through us.
- Pray that the Lord sanctify us and all that we do through prayer

2. Your Kingdom come

- Lit. “Make your kingdom come”
- We prepare for the kingdom of heaven here on earth.
- “For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” (Lk. 17:21)

3. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

- Lit. “Make Your will be done, as in heaven, on earth.”
- We ask God the Father that He not allow us to live out our earthly lives according to our sinful ways, but according to His will.
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)

4. Give us this day our daily bread

- Lit. “Give us today our *epiousios* bread”
- “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
(Matt. 4:4)
- Not referring to material bread
- We are asking for bread that when we eat it, we will never die

5. Forgive us as we forgive those indebted

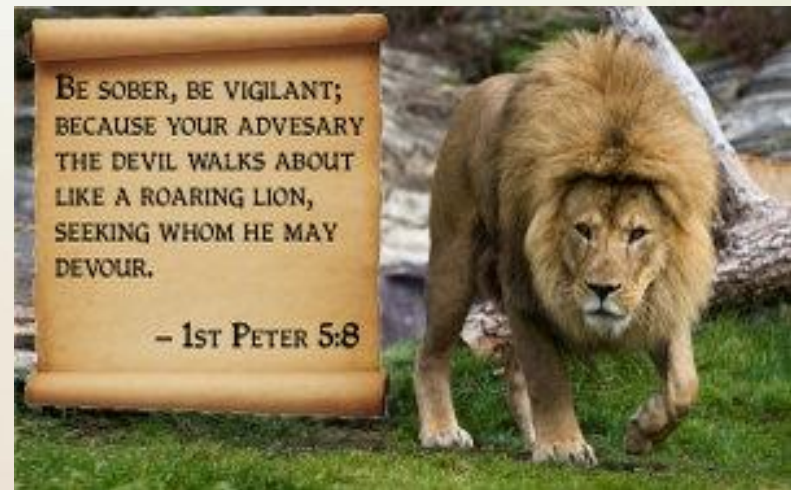
- Lit “Forgive us what we ought as we have forgiven those indebted to us.”
- Consider the Parable of the Unjust Servant (Matt. 18:21-35)

6. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

- *“...do not allow us to be led by the tempter.”* (Tertullian)
- We ask Him to preserve us from all that confuses our spirit and from temptations that are beyond our strength to reject.
- *“When people are not being led into temptation, they are also delivered from the evil one.”* (Cyril of Alexandria)

7. Deliver us from the Evil one

- “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Pet. 5:8)



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– 1ST PETER 5:8