

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE

Jesus didn't give the Lord's Prayer just to be recited—he offered it as a **model** that draws us close to God, aligns our hearts with his will, and teaches us to live dependently on his grace.

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

MATTHEW 6:9-13 NKJV

1. CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"Our Father in heaven . . ."

Begin by remembering who God is to you. He is not distant—he is your Father, loving, present, and glad you've come. Scripture teaches that through the Holy Spirit, we come to God not as fearful slaves but as his adopted children who cry, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15).

PRAY

Father, thank you for welcoming me. I am your child—loved, seen, and invited into your presence.

2. WORSHIP HIS NAME

"Hallowed be your name . . ."

To "hallow" God's name means to honor him for who he is. Speak his names as worship and as reminders of his character.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower . . ." (Proverbs 18:10)

The Lord My Healer — He heals my heart and body

The Lord My Peace — He calms my storms

The Lord My Shepherd — He guides and protects me

The Lord My Provider — He meets my need

PRAY

God, I worship you for who you are. Your name is my strength and safety.

3. PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Before bringing your needs, align your heart with God's priorities. His Kingdom centers on redemption, justice, mercy, and the transformation of lives. God's concerns include:

That the world would know Jesus

Strength and unity for the Church

Care for the poor and vulnerable

Freedom for those in bondage

PRAY

God, let your will be done in my home, my relationships, my church, and my world. Align my heart with your priorities today.

4. DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"Give us this day our daily bread . . ."

God invites you to bring your needs to him—practical, emotional, spiritual—trusting that he is your provider. Open your hands as a posture of surrender, releasing worry and acknowledging dependence.

Lift up each area of your life:

Faith and spiritual growth

Work or school

Friendships

Marriage or dating relationships

Finances

Health

Family and parenting

Emotional and mental well-being

PRAY

Lord, here are my needs today. I trust you to provide what I cannot.

5. FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . ."

Confession restores fellowship with God; forgiveness frees your heart from bitterness. Scripture promises that when we confess our sins, God forgives and cleanses us (1 John 1:9). Ask God: *Where do I need your forgiveness today? Whom do I need to forgive?*

PRAY

Father, forgive me where I fall short. Help me forgive as freely as you have forgiven me.

6. ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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

We face a real spiritual enemy seeking to steal joy, distort truth, and derail our faith (Ephesians 6:12). Through Jesus, we fight from a place of victory. Ask God to reveal: lies you've believed; areas of temptation; any spiritual pressure or discouragement. Speak truth from Scripture over every lie, and remember that resisting the enemy causes him to flee (James 4:7).

PRAY

Jesus, protect me today. Expose every lie and strengthen me to walk in your truth.

7. EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S POWER

"Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever . . ."

End by declaring who God is and what he can do.

Yours is the kingdom — You rule over all things.

Yours is the power — Nothing is impossible for you.

Yours is the glory — Your victory is sure and your presence is my hope.

PRAY

God, nothing is too hard for you. I trust your power, your reign, and your glory in my life today.