

Journey of Faith



The Lord's Prayer

"I've been trying," said Terrence, "but I'm still not sure I get how to pray. How did Jesus do it?"

"You're not the first person to ask that question!" Mrs. Evans replied. "If we open our Bibles to Luke chapter 11, verses 1-4, you'll see the disciples asked Jesus a similar question. Let's read to see how Jesus responded."





Read Luke 11:1–4. Does Jesus' response sound familiar to you?

Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Jesus gave his disciples the Lord's Prayer when they asked him how to pray. Jesus wanted them, and us, to know that God loves us like a parent. We are truly God's children. Pray the Lord's Prayer, this time thinking about what kind of father God is to you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



One Way to Pray

God loves you as his own child. In the Lord's Prayer, we thank God for taking care of us and for being there for us.

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;***

"Hallowed" is a word that means "holy." So we're praying, "God, you and your name are sacred. Please listen to our prayers."

***thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.***

"Thy" means "your." So we're praying that God's kingdom comes to earth and that people do God's will and work of salvation here on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Our "daily bread" isn't just food. It's everything we need to live, both physically and spiritually. We ask God to give us everything we need to grow and serve him better. We also receive a special kind of "daily bread" from God through the holy Eucharist. In the holy Eucharist, we receive Jesus' Body and Blood, and Jesus is truly present with us.

***and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;***

When we trespass against someone, we've sinned, or hurt, that person. Here we are asking God to forgive our sins and hurts. We also remember that we have to forgive those who have hurt us, too.



***and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

Sometimes other voices are louder than God's voice. These voices lead us away from God. We want to stay close to God, so we ask God to keep us with him and away from bad things and actions.

Amen.

"Amen" means "Yes! I believe." So we end the Lord's Prayer telling God, "Yes, we believe everything we prayed."

Amen



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In one or two sentences, write what each statement below means to you.
If you need help, use this handout, your Bible, the Catechism, and/or ask your group leader.

What does it mean when we say...

God is our Father.

We hallow God's name.

God's will should be done on earth.

God gives us our daily bread.

God forgives our trespasses.

We forgive the trespasses of others.

God leads us away from temptation.

Amen.

In Short



- Jesus invites us to call God our Father.
- Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer.
- The Lord's Prayer contains seven petitions.

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