

The Lord's Prayer

Most people who are of the Christian religion call the following Scripture verses "The Lord's Prayer." In Matthew 6:9-13 we read: *"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."*

The following is the interpretation of these Scripture verses.

First we need to know what the word "pray" means. The word "pray" means "ray." The admonition to "pray" means to send out "rays." Light rays are the living spiritual bodies of Truth and Wisdom. One must first know Truth and have Wisdom before he can pray according to the "will" (Word) of God. To pray means to radiate Life -- to send out light rays, i.e., spiritual beams or "rays" of Light and Life. The rays are like a laser beam of light. They travel in a straight line and they go where the "Father" sends them.

This is why we "pray" to the Father in secret and afterward the "Father" will reward you openly -- because the Father knows what you have need of before you ask. Therefore you do not need to "tell" the Father where, when, or how to "send the rays (workers) out." We must understand that *the "Father" who hears* in secret (hearing the silent mental work in the heart) and *that which is heard* (the Son / Word) is *one Spirit*. We are not in any way implying that there are two "separate" entities at work here; rather, it is the work of ONE Spirit performing different operations and achieving all manner of manifestations, i.e., results.

Let us interpret each of the phrases in "The Lord's Prayer." The first is: ***"Our Father which art in heaven."*** "Our Father" means that the one source of Life is the ONE Spirit who is the Light of Mind and the Consciousness of all things. He is the Light (ray) of the Son (sun), and He is the Life Force (Fire) in the Light of the ray (prayer). He is the Intelligence that determines and designs the form of Life in the word (idea and thought). The idea (Light ray) is born in the mind (spirit), and the thought in the ray is heard in the heart of the petitioner.

"Heaven" is a spiritual, formless "place" wherein abides Intelligent Life and Consciousness. It is the breath of Life that animates earthly life forms. It is also the Fire in the ray that quickens all manner of seed and provides them with growth and increase.

"Hallowed be thy name." The word "hallowed" means "to be cut or hewed out" like a pattern. It also means to engrave the Name (Word) upon a stone -- as did Moses when he wrote the law -- or to write it upon paper with pen and ink to be used as a schoolmaster until the time of the end of the last generation, when a new "Way" would be established. The last generation of the Word will produce a Tree of Life, i.e., a new revelation of the Word, and thus a "new Covenant" in the form of the Wisdom of God from Above which shall be taught by the Spirit of Truth. The fruit of this woman (Wisdom) is the eternal Word (the eyes of God, the Spirit) -- and in them are the "seed," the Knowledge of the Holy, which is Understanding of the Spiritual Law. This Knowledge does not come by the works of the law that is written upon a stony heart of clay, nor by the pen and ink of the scribes. This Name (Word) is written and engraved in a tender heart of compassion and love (Wisdom) by the finger of the Spirit of God.

“Thy Kingdom come.” The “Kingdom of God” is the abode of spiritual kinds of life forms. This Kingdom is governed by the Law of the Spirit by which those who are born of Spirit live and have being. Abiding in this Kingdom means living life in a bodily form on a higher plane and governed by a higher order of Law and authority. To request that *“the Kingdom of God come to the earth”* is to request that the Knowledge of the Law of Spirit be revealed, manifested, and demonstrated *first in the personal life of the individual* who is praying -- and also that it manifest and be established in the outer earth realm.

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” “Thy ‘will’ (Word and work) being done in the earthly body as it is done in the spiritual (heavenly, or Christ) body” means that it is not the Father’s will that any earthly bodies perish or dissolve, but that all be transformed by the work of the Spirit that is in them. It is the Father’s will that they all be quickened by the Spirit and made incorrupt, and that all men come to the Knowledge of Truth (the Law of Spirit) and live thereby.

“Give us this day our daily bread.” The Knowledge of Truth is the “Bread of Life.” One who is a daily partaker of the Truth of Spirit and Life will grow in the Knowledge and Wisdom of God. As he continues to follow the instructions given by the Spirit through the Knowledge he seeks and knows, **he will become the thing he seeks to interpret.** He will embody the Word (Bread) that he eats daily, and **his bodily flesh will be the Word that he has eaten -- incarnate.**

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” One can never truly forgive others until he first seeks and finds the “*forgiver*” in himself. He must come to the Knowledge of Truth wherein he realizes that he has never done anything “wrong,” therefore he needs no one to forgive him *but himself*. The times he “thought” to do “wrong” (works of darkness) were as much a part of his growth and development as were the “good” works (works of the day) that he may have thought to do. When one realizes this truth, not only will he forgive himself, but he will also forgive all others. He will realize that the works and acts of others are as much a part of their development as are his own. Therefore he will set them free from his judgment and condemnation of them -- and in so doing he lets himself out of his own “self-made” prison.

This realization **IN NO WAY** gives place to one to do unjust deeds toward others and think to justify himself. Self-justification is “iniquity,” and there will be no peace or freedom found in the works of iniquity. Also, to forgive the debts of self and others means that one who obtains spiritual enlightenment and “gives” his increase of knowledge and wisdom to another *should not require of them “repayment of any kind.”* *Does he who would require repayment of another have anything that he himself did not freely “receive”?* No! Therefore as he himself has freely received, he should “freely give” to all who ask of him -- otherwise *those from whom he received his increase* will demand and require payment in full of his debt to them.

As long as a man holds another man hostage, he keeps himself in prison. As long as he demands, expects, or desires repayment of any kind from another for his “good deeds” toward them, he is nothing more than a servant and a hireling. This man cannot inherit eternal Life in his body because he does not have Divine nature operating in him, and he is greedy. He is also *a thief* if he sells for a price the gift that he received and freely uses to provide for his own needs. One who is given responsibility and stewardship over spiritual Knowledge and Wisdom, earthly wealth, talents, or favor of any kind and in any amount may use whatever of it he needs for his own livelihood -- **but he does not own it and he must not sell it for a price to anyone.** He can, however, “give” it to anyone he judges to be worthy of it.

“Lead us not into temptation.” In order for one to follow the Light of Truth (God), he must cease *to follow* the light and the ways of *the doctrines of men* (being “led” by “temptation”). No man can serve two masters. He will either follow the leading of the Truth and the Light of Wisdom in his own heart and mind, or he will follow in the steps of another. As long as a man is content to walk in another man’s

“way” -- no matter who the man is (Jesus, Paul, Peter, James or any other) -- he will not do the necessary works needed to make his own way and thereby be able to walk in his own Light. Therefore he will always walk in the “temptations” of his flesh and the uncertainty of the dictates of his mortal senses (evil), never having any witness of Truth or confidence in himself.

“Deliver us from evil.” This means to be delivered from and out of the carnal law, the doctrines, and the philosophies of mortal men. It means to be delivered from the long, dark night of the sleeping Soul into the Light of Truth. The “evil” one asks to be delivered from is the knowledge and ignorance that comes from being led by man’s carnal senses.

“Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever.” The “Kingdom” is the Divine nature, the Mind, and the Spirit (Wisdom) of God. The “power” is the Knowledge of the Holy, i.e., Understanding of Divine Law. The “glory” is the Light and the Wisdom of God from Above which is the “Crown of Life” for one who finds it.

When we “pray to the Father” we generate, radiate, and *send out from our very own being spiritual Light rays*. In them is Life -- and the time and the place whereunto the Light (Spirit) appears is the time and the place of the visitation of the Spirit of God to the individual who is seeking and asking for Wisdom and Truth (Understanding). These rays of Light and Truth are the angels (spirits) of Light that visit all men at the appointed time. All who “seek” shall find, and to all who “ask” it shall be given. Therefore be aware, lest you entertain angels unaware and miss your day of visitation.

May all who seek to know the will of the Father of Spirits find it and pray accordingly. Amen.

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