

Pray In This Manner:

“Our Father Who art in heaven

Hallowed would 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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever, Amen”!!!

This is one of the Lord’s teaching. This is the pattern to follow as we petition and make our requests to the Lord. Allow yourself to lean on the Holy Spirit, who is willing to teach and He never fails to give the answer that is needed.

Before we pray, take your mind to a place and space of quietness. Take three long inhales and exhales, relax your muscles as you position

yourself and meditate on God's grace and mercy. And give thanks to Him, than PRAY.

Let us take a look at what we are actually petitioning:

"Our" Father Who art in heaven.....Our" reveals to us that we are now in a community, a fellowship that includes many brothers and sisters in the Lord; we are members of the same body. We are communicating with the Father of us. We are to pray to God only. He is held in a special manner because He is Father to the saints by adoption and regeneration; we come to Him as a loving, gracious, reconciled Father in Christ, Jer. 3:4. Heaven is the manifestation of His glory and is where His throne of grace prevails. We must direct our prayers there for Christ the Mediator is now in heaven. Our converse must be spiritual. We must rise above the world, and lift up our hearts. He reigns from His eternal divine position.

Starting in this manner also reflects our infirmities and weakness.

"Hallowed be Thy Name" Calling on the Almighty God is acknowledging His Holiness ('hallowed'). Holiness that is adore which should always be given in praise and sanctification.

As we study the OT, we find many compound Names of God:

*Jehovah Nissi-Strength *Jehovah Shalom-Peace *Jehovah Rapha-Healer *Jehovah Makaddesh-Sancification etc...There are many names that your study will reveal. In the days of old (Hebrew), the people assign name that correlate with the character. However in Jesus, all the character tic virtues are present, because He was born the Godhead

incarnate. As you use His Name in prayer you are calling on and expressing all that God is. Read Acts 4: 10-12.

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“Thy kingdom come...” Through your born again experience, is the kingdom of God, and within it, embodies the way God does things. It is the biblical teachings, the lectures, and preaching to all and embrace by all. Let the gospel-church grow; the kingdom of the world be made Christ’s Kingdom and all men become subject to it. We also are willing to receive the revelation into our heart, so that we can alter our lives’ accordingly.

“Thy will be done...in the earth as it is in heaven.” We are surrendering unto what satisfies God. We are saying, “I am satisfy with thy counsel concerning me.” This mind set enable us to do what is pleasing to Him, giving one the grace that’s necessary to the right knowledge of His will and an acceptable obedience to it. Our heart and mind should always be sincere when it comes to what is best. One came never go wrong when following the will of God.

“Give us this day our daily bread” We are asking Jehovah Jireh to provide us this day our bread. Yesterday has passed. You live today. Tomorrow is not promise to anyone. Today we can rejoice, be thankful, and be glad in it, because we know that He will supply all our needs according to His riches and possibly our desires. “BREAD” is essential for sustaining the spiritual life of a believer. Jesus is the bread of life (John 6: 27, 48) and His Word should open our hearts and minds to seek, learn, direct move and keep us on the path of righteousness. Our

daily needs are spiritual needs that can lead us prosperity in every aspect of our life. Jehovah Jireh literally means, God Who sees ahead. This is a faith building block. It is a wonderful avenue to build faith and trust on the fact that God is faithful to the promises in His Word. We should feel and completely trust in His loving Hands. He is the only “Person” that we can trust when are in a vulnerable state. Never give heavy weigh to what you may not have tomorrow because only God knows the future. HE HOLDS THE FUTURE!!!

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“And forgive us our debts,... as we also ‘have’ forgiven our debtors.

Let us recognize the steps it takes in forgiving others before we pray.

- Forgiving is an act (mental) that prepare the path to the gateway of your heart.
- The act activates the lock on the gate.
- The gate (heart) swings open and make way for God to receive and answer our prayers.
- Because forgiving is an act of love that can reflect in the spirit of the Christian and in God’s Love.
- God’s love is the radiant virtue of righteous.

James 5: 16 (a2) The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avail much. Our heartfelt radiates and we are forgiven.

The debts are our sins, iniquities and transgressions.

The lateral connects to the request for God to forgive us: because, unless our sins are pardon, we have no comfort and peace in life.

Our sins are our debts; this debt is a debt of duty which we own

to our Creator. The debt in which I speak of, is our defaults, our shortcomings, and our missteps. When we default, it is an act of disobedience to the will of God. When we disobey, God have all rights to discipline.

We must make a conscience effort to forgive those who have offended us, else you curse yourself when you pray. When one truly forgives, she/he cease to remember and cease to hold or feel resentment against an offender. It is foolish to carry a burden that gives power to your opposition. It is our duty and responsibility to forebear, to forget, and to forgive the wrongs that are done. It is a moral qualification for pardon and peace.

“And lead us not into temptation.....

Understanding the translation is important: replace the word temptation to trails or testing. Than it would read.....And lead us not into trails/testing. Trails can cause us to stumbling, slipping, or falling. For example, using your tongue/mind to attack someone who has hurt your feelings and at the same time having a feeling of regret, or having no feelings of regret. Even if it is expression is in thought and the other person is unaware of your true feeling.

You are in a trial, whether you want to acknowledge it or not.

Let's look at James 1:13. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16. Do not be deceived!!!!

*One of the most desperate needs for the body of Christ is spiritual maturity. Remember testing is always an avenue to grow; and the experience can elevate one to maturity.

“But deliver us from evil... This is self-explanatory: We know that the present of evil is everywhere. The opposed of God and all that He stands for is working hard for their Master. It is from the power of destruction, that Jesus has us to pray for deliverance.

OUR CONCLUSION:

“And the power, and the glory, FOREVER”!!!!!!

We have the pathway to pray in the right manner, the context, and the privilege to go the throne of the right “Person”; We can have a conversation with our “Creator” any time, any place, and anywhere. In Him, we rejoice and glorify all that is, all that will be, and all that is promise for the heirs of the Royal Majestic Ruler of all!!!

We open our and close prayers in the honor and respect that God is so worth of. We make our petition known to Him. We listen for wise counsel from Him. We wait patiently for direction from Him. And we should always respond obediently for the better good, if we don't agree with the answer, don't set yourself up for rebuke. We are not gods but we are very special people. We are lowly people whom God loves and know what is BEST FOR US IN OUR LIFE!!!

As you go before His Throne, incorporate within the frame of this manner of praying, your own personal needs and desire.

MAY GOD FOREVER BE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU AS YOU TRAVEL THROUGH THIS LIFE!!!!