

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on a dark, textured wooden surface. The hands are positioned centrally, with fingers interlaced. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the wood. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*“Boldly Approaching
the Throne of Grace”*

The Lord's Prayer

How Do You Speak...



He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples” (Luke 11:1)

A Few Thoughts Before We Begin

- Proper prayer is about glorifying God
- Proper prayer is about self
- Proper prayer is about others

Breaking Down the Lord's Prayer

Glorifying God

Our Father in Heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is heaven.

Helping Ourselves

Give *us* today *our* daily bread. And forgive *us our* debts, as *we* also have forgiven *our* debtors. And do not bring *us* into temptation, but deliver *us* from the evil one.

Glorifying God's Name

Jesus taught us that we are to glorify God with our prayers (“Your name be honored as holy”)

“Holiness” means different or distinct.

If you have a basketball that was signed by Lebron James, you would not treat it like an ordinary basketball. You would set it aside and treat it differently.

We are basically God to make His own name great.

Praying for Kingdom Growth

Jesus continues to say, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

The Church is partnering with God (co-mission) to increase His kingdom presence on the earth.

God wants to reign over the earth the same way He presently reigns in Heaven.

Christ is conquering the world and we are to pray for that to happen.

This ultimately happens when a soul is won for Christ.

Praying for Basic Needs

We are to pray for our “daily bread”.

There is nothing wrong with asking God for material things like food, water, clothes, and shelter.

Also, our prayers should be filled with thanksgiving as well. This is when we show our gratitude to God for giving us things. He does this for everyone. Believer and unbeliever.

Illustration: Dog eating out of a bowl.

Pray for Forgiveness and To Be Forgiving

When it comes to forgiveness, there are two things we ought to pray over...

- Pray for Forgiveness-even a Christian lives a lifestyle of repentance
- Pray to Forgive-it we have been forgiven, then we should offer the same grace to others.

Being forgiven by God and forgiving of others are tied together. Unwilling to forgive is often a sign that you have not been forgiven yourself.

Pray for Divine Protection

The way Christ concludes His prayer is by saying, “do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Temptation is around every corner and we need our Father to help us resist ourselves.

Satan also wishes to consume your faith. You have an enemy and you cannot withstand him in your own strength. You need to routinely pray for divine protection.

Pulling It All Together

“My Heavenly Father, I want to begin my name by praising you. You have created all of us and you care for us. Please make your name great and let your kingdom continue to grow on the earth. Please provide for me and for those whom you love. I especially want to mention my friend's grandmother who has been hospitalized due to heart complications. Let her every need be met. Thank you for all the ways you provide for me. Father, thank you for the forgiveness of sins I have in Jesus Christ. The church honors Him and ask that He continues to wash us clean until the day He returns. Lord, I must confess that I am having a hard time loving Joe. At school he is cruel to me and I am not sure why. But I pray that I have a patient spirit towards him. I ask that your Holy Spirit guides us throughout life and that we make wise decisions. I am excited about college and I want to make sure that I choose one that best helps my spiritual walk with you. Let me be on guard against sin and steer me away from Satan. My heart is to abide in your teachings for the remainder of my life. Bless the people of God and be glorified with my prayer. Amen.”