

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN:

This prayer is known throughout the world. It is in many languages and all religions. It is a repetitive prayer. While there are problems with repeating something over and over, so you don't even think anymore about it, this prayer continues over and over to bring the spirit of God upon you.

This Prayer is found in the Bible. So many things have been not accepted into the Bible that are very important for us to know. And here, in this one little prayer is a Gift from God. Such a great importance it must be.

When the Nicene Council met in 325 AD, one of its goals was to establish a uniform Christian Doctrine. This became the Nicene Creed. Which was called by Emperor Constantine to unify Christianity under one creed. Even though there are a lot of ideas about the creation of the Bible coming from this council, the books of the Bible have been in place since at least 170 AD. But no matter who or when the books of spiritual writings were compiled into the Bible as we know it today, these scriptures do contain the words of Jesus Christ. Just because the Bible was compiled in 150 AD, the flood of scriptures that have been found since that time proves that there is more out there that will be uncovered for us. The teachings of Christ will not stop. They will be brought forward to us at the time we need them to teach us, what we need to build our relationship with God and Jesus.

In my Bible Dictionary, on Page 726, under Lost Books, there are almost two columns with references to the many lost documents that the Bible or the Book of Mormon give reference to.

And this prayer, found twice in the Bible and once in the Book of Mormon, comes to us at a time when the Apostles asked Jesus a question. How should we Pray? This prayer has been accepted as spoken by our Lord as his reply. A revelation that surpasses time itself. Given to all of us. Given, when someone went to the Lord and asked him for help in praying.

In Matt: 6:9-13 we have the words of THE LORD'S PRAYER and also in Luke 11:1-5. In the Book of Mormon, it is 3Nephi 13:9

And Our Lord answered with this 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 TRESPASES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER.

AMEN.

I love this prayer. Each line has such a larger meaning behind it and yet is so simple. Even without knowing all the thoughts and ideas that each line can give us, one can feel the simple knowledge of our Lord teaching us how to be humble and ask for his help. How our lives should reflect his love for us.

This is just a quick rundown of some scriptures I have found to give the life of these words, a place in our hearts. There are many more scriptures than the ones I have found. But mostly it is not other scriptures that bring this prayer to life, it is the spirit within us that leaps at the breath of these words.

We know that No one can enter the Kingdom of God except through his Son. And his Son has told us how we must be —— to come to God.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

It's so wonderful to know that we have a Father in Heaven, a celestial Father who dwells there, ready to accept us home. How important is this knowledge.

Writings of Moroni, 4:7-8 – For behold, the Father cannot build up His kingdom and dominion in the midst of great Babylon; for all who remain in the world are yet a part of the world. For the Priesthood of the Father consists of the oneness of the Godhead, which oneness and Godhead remain in the heavens unless they are established on the earth by the Sons of God joining with each other in that oneness.

And how can they be one if they refuse to join in that oneness: Behold, are they not still separate and single and, thus, outside of the Godhead? Therefore the Priesthood of the Father wherein dwellest the power of God, cannot come to them; even though the priesthood of the Son be with them in some measure. Where are we in this situation? How do we get to be with our Father that is in heaven.

Hallowed by thy name -

Hallowed is a word used to signify a high office, kingship, judgeship, higher than others and commanding respect and honor. A word reserved for a honor above all others. Is there another word that could be used to explain the deity of our Father in heaven?

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

We don't just do our will down here and automatically become acceptable for entering the celestial kingdom. The atonement was only part of this. The Lord specifically said that we have to be like God. We all wait for Our Lord's return but if we do not understand that it is his will, not ours, that must be present in our hearts, then he will not be able to return. Tradition tells us that he will just come at some appointed time and set his feet on this world. And we don't know that appointed time. Tradition also says we are not supposed to know that time because we will try to fake our lives, so the Lord will see us. But he can't come if we are not following his commandments and doing as he has asked us to do. Tradition has it wrong. He can't come without his people being prepared with the love in our hearts as he has instructed us. We must be together, and be able to guard our hearts against Satan so he can't steal from us the gifts we have received from God.

Give us this day our daily bread -

The scriptures are our daily bread. The knowledge of God is only obtainable by the Spirit of God and personal reflection. Christ gave gifts to men when he ascended into heaven. The Holy Spirit. We must have discernment of these things to understand. A revelation to us that comes from the Holy Spirit is a miracle of understanding. The purpose of individual revelation is to learn and increase our knowledge. Men who are too wise to learn will find out their mistake too late.

Forgive us our trespasses.

The atonement gave us forgiveness but if we don't move forward with our learning and becoming closer to God, than we will lose what we have learned. We will lose our spiritually progress. We have been asked to forgive. Have the love and charity of our Lord for each other. Without doing this, we become stuck. We can ask our Father to forgive us our trespasses but he can't do it if we don't first do our part.

As we forgive others.

We ask for forgiveness but that forgiveness will only come if we learn to forgive others first.

Kind of powerful, isn't it?

Lead us not into temptation —

Why do we want that — we want to do the right things, we want to know which way to turn so we ask God for discernment to know these things and not be led down the wrong path. With this discernment we can stay away from the flesh, those earthly traditions bound strong by Satan.

But deliver us from evil -

Satan has been unleashed upon this world. This deception and desire to pull us from God is real. It is right to ask for help to stay close to God. D/C 109:46 in part says we will be prepared against the day of burning. Mosiah 5:2 says we will have no more disposition to do evil but do good continually

For thine is the Kingdom,

D/C 56:18 the kingdom of God will come in power and glory unto deliverance. His kingdom is above all else and not yet on earth.

The Power —

This is the power of the Spirit of God, of the creation, of the Priesthood of the Son of God, of repentance and acceptance into the celestial kingdom. This is the power that will be on earth when Christ returns to our midst. When we are united in a spiritual consciousness.

And the Glory, forever

JSH 1:17 says the Glory of the Father and the Son defies description. Moses 1:39 says This is my work and Glory, to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. Again. This is what the Lord will be doing as we mature in our spiritually growth. And when our spiritual growth allows us to see his glory, we can then be with God in the celestial kingdom.

At the last supper, when Jesus blessed the bread and the wine, there was great care taken to preserve the words he spoke. They are recorded in the Bible. They cannot be changed.

Think of this little prayer. It also is Christ's words, and over the years has not changed. It has not given as much acknowledgment as the sacrament prayers. As it is a different type of prayer, an intimate prayer between Jesus and the individual saying it. It is a powerful prayer that we should never forget. Full of hidden and higher knowledge, yet simple to remember. Given to each of us from Jesus Christ himself. A prayer of teaching. A prayer of our Savior's Love. A prayer of Promise and Safety. God never leaves us alone.