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# Prayer for Dummies

Praying the Prayer that Jesus  
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*ALL OF US!*

The Model Prayer  
Matthew 6:9

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## **Have You Ever Felt Inadequate When it Comes to...**

- **How to Pray**
- **What to Say**
- **How to Say**
- **Power in What We Say**
- **Felt Like a Dummy**

### **James 4:3 (NASB)**

*<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

## The Disciples...

Saw so many Powerful Works Thru Jesus, but....

- They Didn't Ask How to Do Those Things...
- They Knew to Ask the Deeper Question...
  - Knew How to Pray (*little power*) religion
  - Didn't Know How to Pray (*unlimited power*) relationship

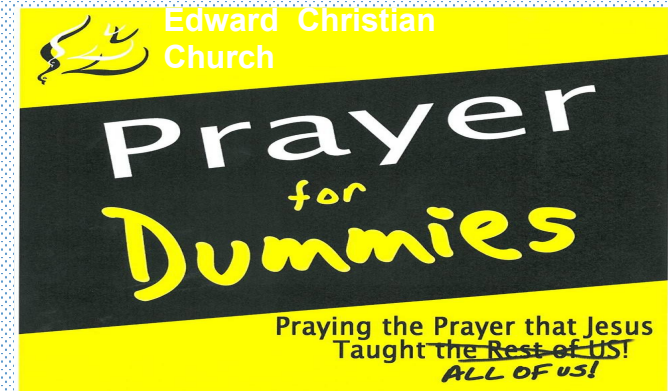
## Christ Shows us a Good Example of Prayer

It is Called the...

- Model Prayer
- "Lord's Prayer"
- "Disciples' Prayer"

"After this manner" We Are to Pray (9)

- The One We Pray Through...  
...Shows Us How to Pray



## The Relationship to God "Our Father which art in heaven" (9)

### •The Opening Words Tell us Two Important Things About Prayer.

- 1st, the Person prayed to- *It is God, not Mary or an angel.*
- 2nd, the Person praying- "*Our*" speaks of the Family Privilege

### "Our Father" - *Our focus in prayer is on our Father.*

- The One who Called Worlds into Existence is
- The One We Call Father

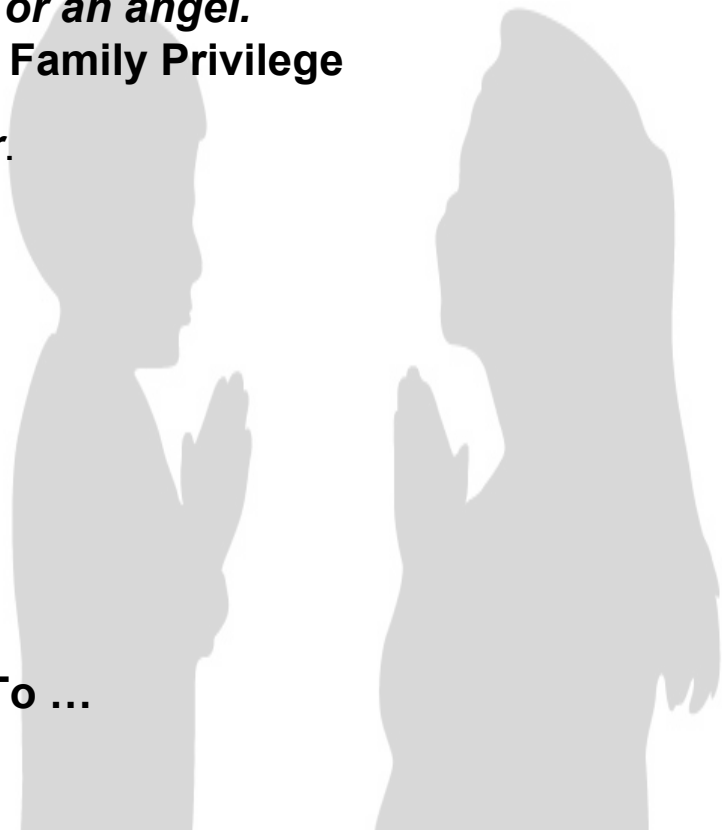
### "Who Art in Heaven"

### Our Father is *not limited by...*

- Earthly Restraints
- Man's Abilities

### He is Everlasting God who Controls All Things

- Earth has No Sorrow that Heaven Cannot Heal
- Prayer is a Bridge from our Earth Bound Limits To ...  
...Heaven's Infinite Resources



**The Relationship to God "Our Father which art in heaven" (9)**

**The Reverence for God "Hallowed be thy name" (9)**

- **The 1<sup>st</sup> Petition in the Prayer is for the Glory / Honor of God**
- **The 1<sup>st</sup>/ Foremost Aim of Our Life to Glorify God -1 Cor 10:31**
- **Our praying should be more than "give me" but...**

**...a Prominent Desire for God to be Honored**

**•The Rule of God "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (10). This Petition, has Two Parts.**

- **1st, As Subjects, we say, "Thy kingdom come"**
  - **praying for God to Rule in Our Lives**
- **2nd, As Servants, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"**
  - **prays that man will submit to God's rule and that this submission will be done with excellence—"as it is in heaven"**



**The Resources of God.** *"Give us this day our daily bread"* (11).

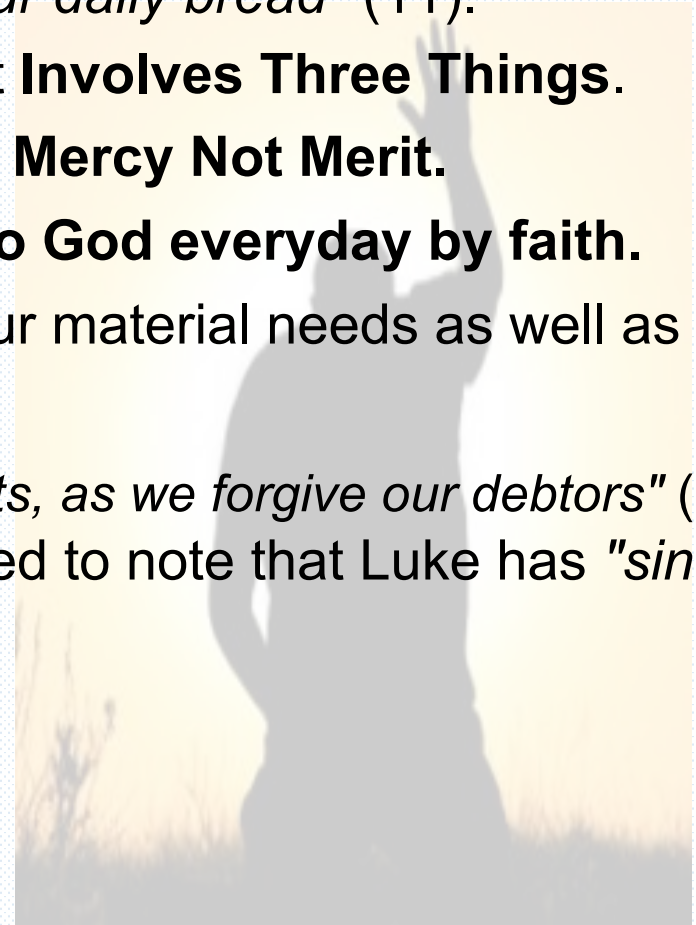
• **This is a Petition for our Earthly Needs. It Involves Three Things.**

- **1st, Favor "Give."** -the Emphasis is on Mercy Not Merit.
- **2nd, Faith "This day... daily."** -looking to God everyday by faith.
- **3rd, Food "Bread"** We are to pray for our material needs as well as our spiritual needs.

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### **❑The Work of Forgiveness (Matthew 6:14,15)**

- The work of forgiveness is an important work for a person.

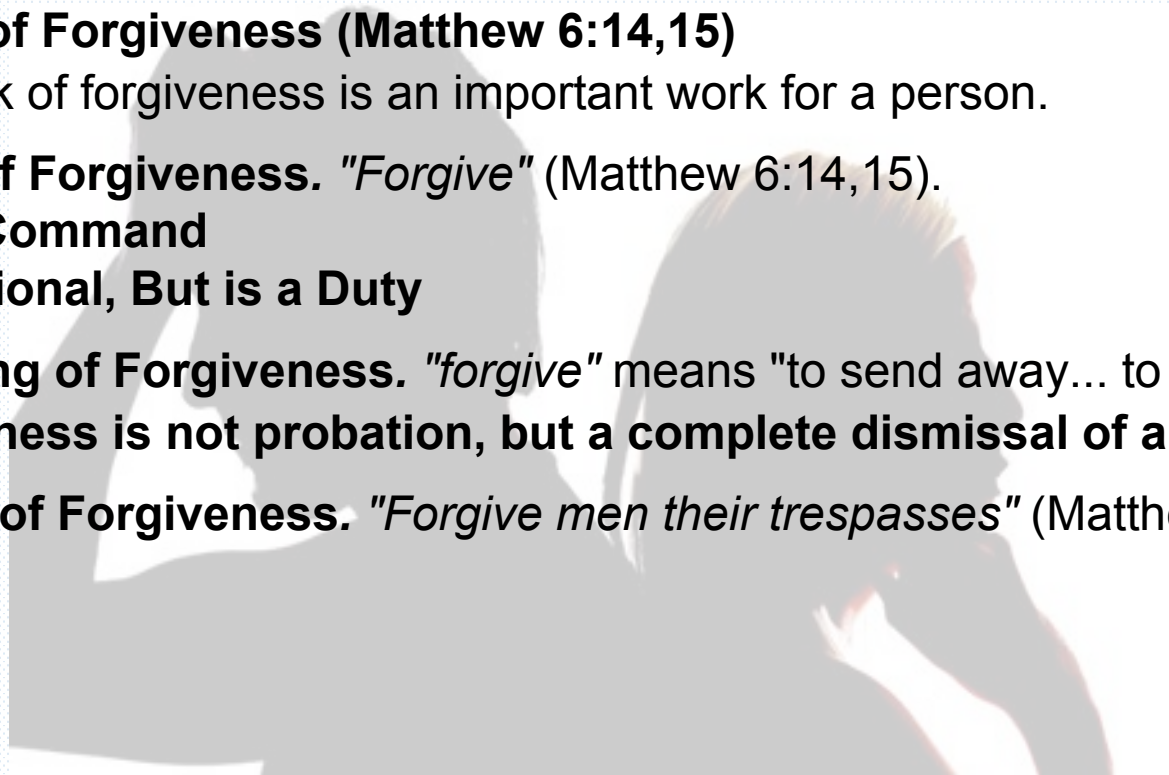
### **❑The Duty of Forgiveness. "Forgive" (Matthew 6:14,15).**

- **Divine Command**
- **Not Optional, But is a Duty**

### **❑The Defining of Forgiveness. "forgive" means "to send away... to let go"**

- **Forgiveness is not probation, but a complete dismissal of all charges**

### **❑The Doing of Forgiveness. "Forgive men their trespasses" (Matthew 6:14).**



**The Righteousness from God.** *"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"* (Matt 6:13). There are two important parts to this petition.

•**1st, Desire** *"Lead us not into temptation."*

○ ***The Need of God's Help to walk a holy life***

•**2nd, Deliverance** *"Deliver us from evil."* -not seeking...

○ ***exemption from trial but escape from transgression.***

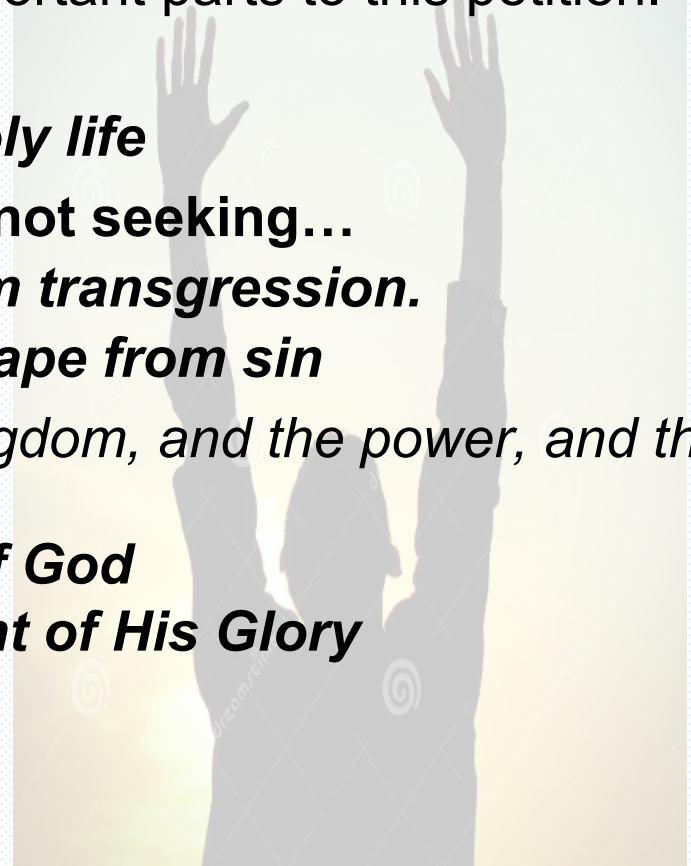
○ ***exemption from suffering but to escape from sin***

**The Respect for God.** *"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"* (Matt 9:13).

○ ***The first petition was for the glory of God***

○ ***The last words are acknowledgement of His Glory***

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# The Disciple's Prayer in Brief

**The first 3 Petitions Direct Our Attention to God the Father.**

- Pray to the Father about His Name - *Hallowed be your name*
- Pray to the Father about His Kingdom - *Your kingdom come*
- Pray to the Father about His Will - *Your will be done*

**The Second 3 Teaches Us to Pray for Ourselves and for Others**

- Pray for Provision - *Give us today our daily bread*
- Pray for Pardon - *Forgive us our debts*
- Pray for Protection - *Lead us not into temptation*

**These Last 3 Things, Take Care of All the Needs of Life:**

- Provision takes care of your *Present*
- Pardon takes care of your *Past*
- Protection takes care of your *Future*



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