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Prayer for Dummies

Praying the Prayer that Jesus
Taught the ~~Rest of US!~~
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**The Model
Prayer
“Lord
Teach Us
How to Call
to You” –pt1
Matthew
6:9**

October 4, 2020

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Now That We Are in 2020...

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Have You Ever Wondered...

- **How to Pray**
- **What to Say**
- **How to Say**
- **What We Say Seems at Times Powerless**


James 4:3 (NASB)

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

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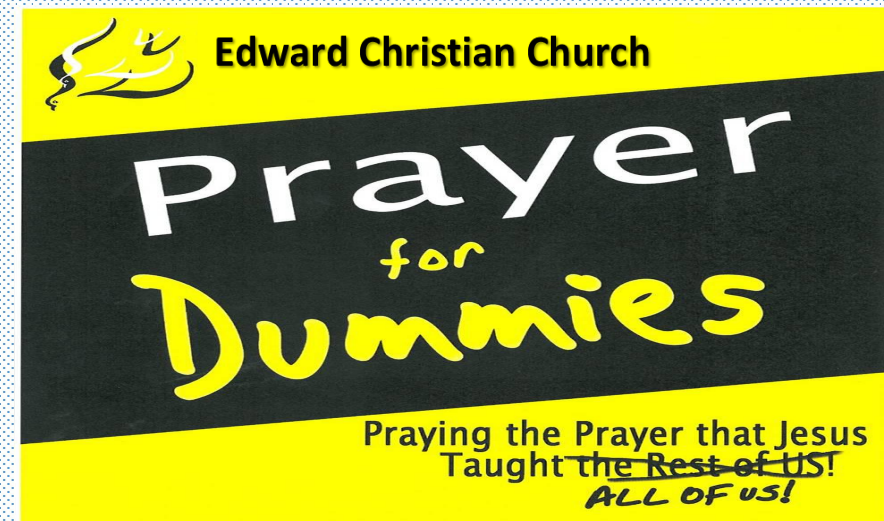
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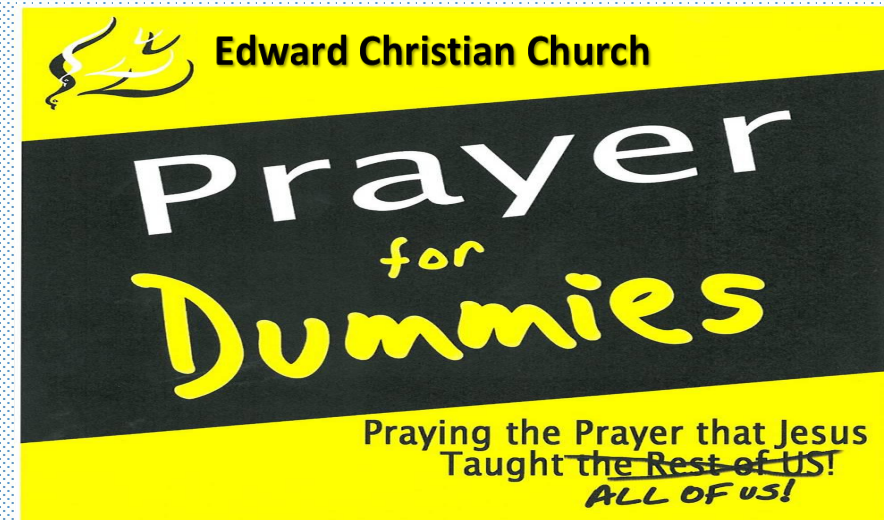
- They Didn't Ask How to Do Those Things...
- They Knew to Ask the Deeper Question...
 - Knew How to Pray (*little power*) Religion
 - Didn't Know How to Pray (*unlimited power*) Relationship



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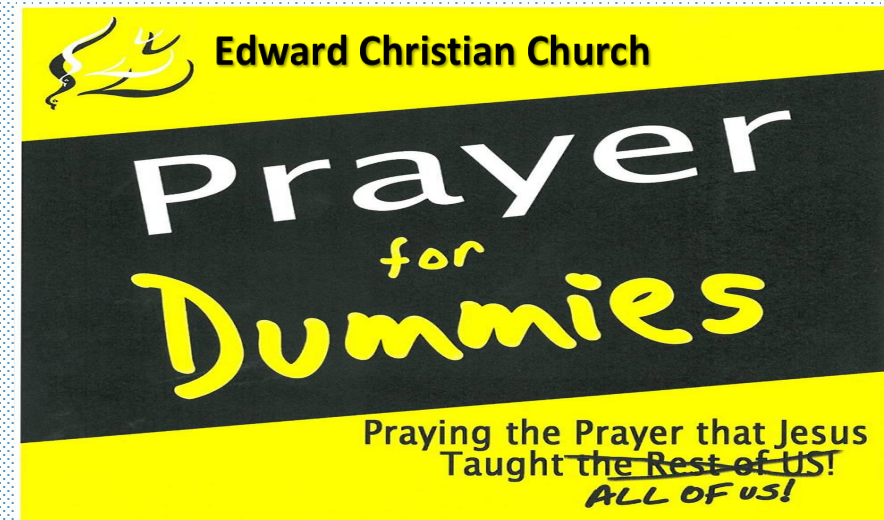
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- The One We Pray Through...
...Shows Us How to Pray



- **Model Prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#))**

- The fourth form of prayer, of which Christ speaks in this part about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount, is the second good example of prayer. It is the great model prayer. This prayer is often called the "Lord's Prayer" but would better be called the "Disciples' Prayer," for the Lord could not pray some parts of this prayer such as "*forgive us our debts*" ([Matthew 6:12](#); which is *forgive us our sins*" in [Luke 11:4](#)) for Christ had no sins. The best title for the prayer is the "Model Prayer" or "Paragon Prayer," for the opening statement about the prayer says, "*After this manner*" ([Matthew 6:9](#)) we are to pray. The parts of this prayer show us how to pray.
- • **The relationship to God.** "*Our Father which art in heaven*" ([Matthew 6:9](#)). The opening words tell us two important things about prayer. **First**, the Person prayed to. **It is God, not Mary or an angel.** We pray to God in heaven. **Second**, the person praying. "*Our*" speaks of the redeemed. It is the privilege of the redeemed to pray.
- • **The reverence for God.** "*Hallowed be thy name*" ([Matthew 6:9](#)). The first petition in the prayer is for the glory and honor of God. It ought to be the first and foremost aim of our life to glorify God ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#)). Our praying should be more than "give me" but should include 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*" ([Matthew 6:10](#)). This petition, has two parts. **First**, the Sovereign of man. "*Thy kingdom come*" speaks of the Divine rule of man. Praying for "*Thy kingdom*" to come, is praying for God to rule man. **Second**, the submission of man. "*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*." This second part 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*" ([Matthew 6:11](#)). This is a petition for our earthly needs. It involves three things. **First**, favor. "Give." The emphasis is on mercy not merit. **Second**, faith. "*This day... daily*." This is looking to God everyday by faith. It is not for a year's supply but for a day's supply. That requires faith. **Third**, food. "*Bread*." This indicates our needs as opposed to our wants. Bread is common, not a luxury. "*Bread*" also says we are to pray for our material needs as well as our spiritual needs.
- • **The repentance to God.** "*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*" ([Matthew 6:12](#)). To understand this petition better we need to note that Luke has "*sins*" ([Luke 11:4](#)) instead of "*debts*." The petition here is for Divine forgiveness of our sins. There are three important lessons in this partition. **First**, the importance of the petition. Forgiveness by God of our sins is our most important need. **Second**, the ignominy from the petition. Confessing our need of forgiveness acknowledges we are sinful and that is humbling. Few want to admit they are sinful. But until you humble yourself about your sin, you will never obtain forgiveness of your sins from God. **Third**, the imperative in the petition. "*As we forgive our debtors*." This is not works for salvation, but language to show the sincerity of our petition. We must come in true repentance. True repentance will not harbor unforgiveness of others.
- • **The righteousness from God.** "*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*" ([Matthew 6:13](#)). There are two important parts to this petition. **First**, desire. "*Lead us not into temptation*." This does not mean God will lead us to evil and the petition is a request for Him not to do that—rather it is a negative way of expressing one's desire to walk a holy life. **Second**, deliverance. "*Deliver us from evil*." This is not seeking exemption from trial but escape from transgression. It is not a petition to be exempt from suffering but to escape from sin. In total the two parts ask God to lead the petitioner in holiness and to remove any unholiness in the petitioner.
- • **The respect for God.** "*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*" ([Matthew 9:13](#)). The prayer closes with great respect for God. The first petition was for the glory of God; the last words are acknowledgement of the glory of God. Our prayers have too many petitions for ourselves and not enough praise for God. Cut the petitions if you have to but do not cut the praise part of your prayers. The praise here is excellent. It acknowledges the Sovereignty of God ("*thine is the kingdom*"), the power of God ("*the power*"), the magnificence of God ("*the glory*"), and the eternity of God ("*forever*"). There is a lot of good theology in this last part of the prayer. Our prayers should reflect good doctrine or they are not good prayers.



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- **2nd, the Person Praying- *"Our"***

...speaks of the Family Privilege

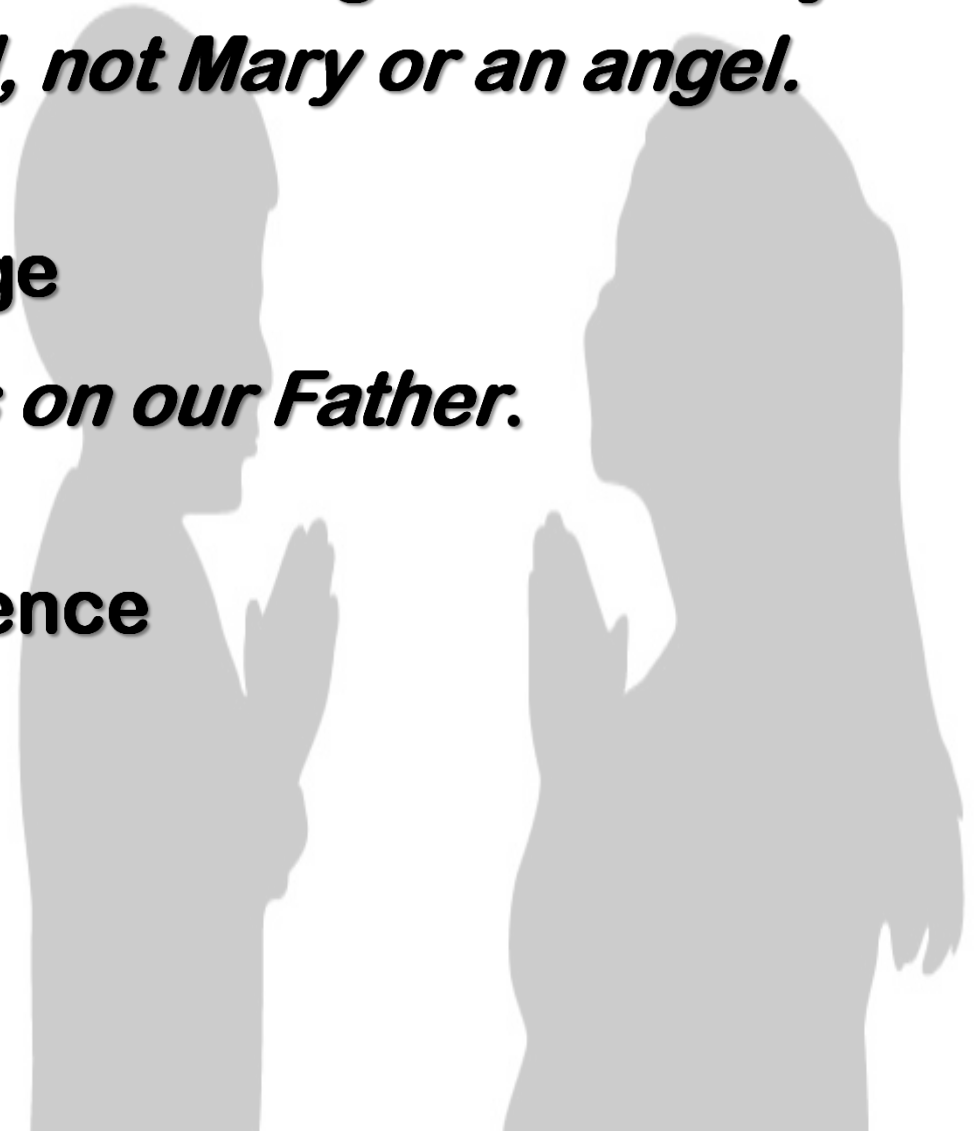
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- **The One**

- **Who Called Worlds into Existence**

- **We Call Father**

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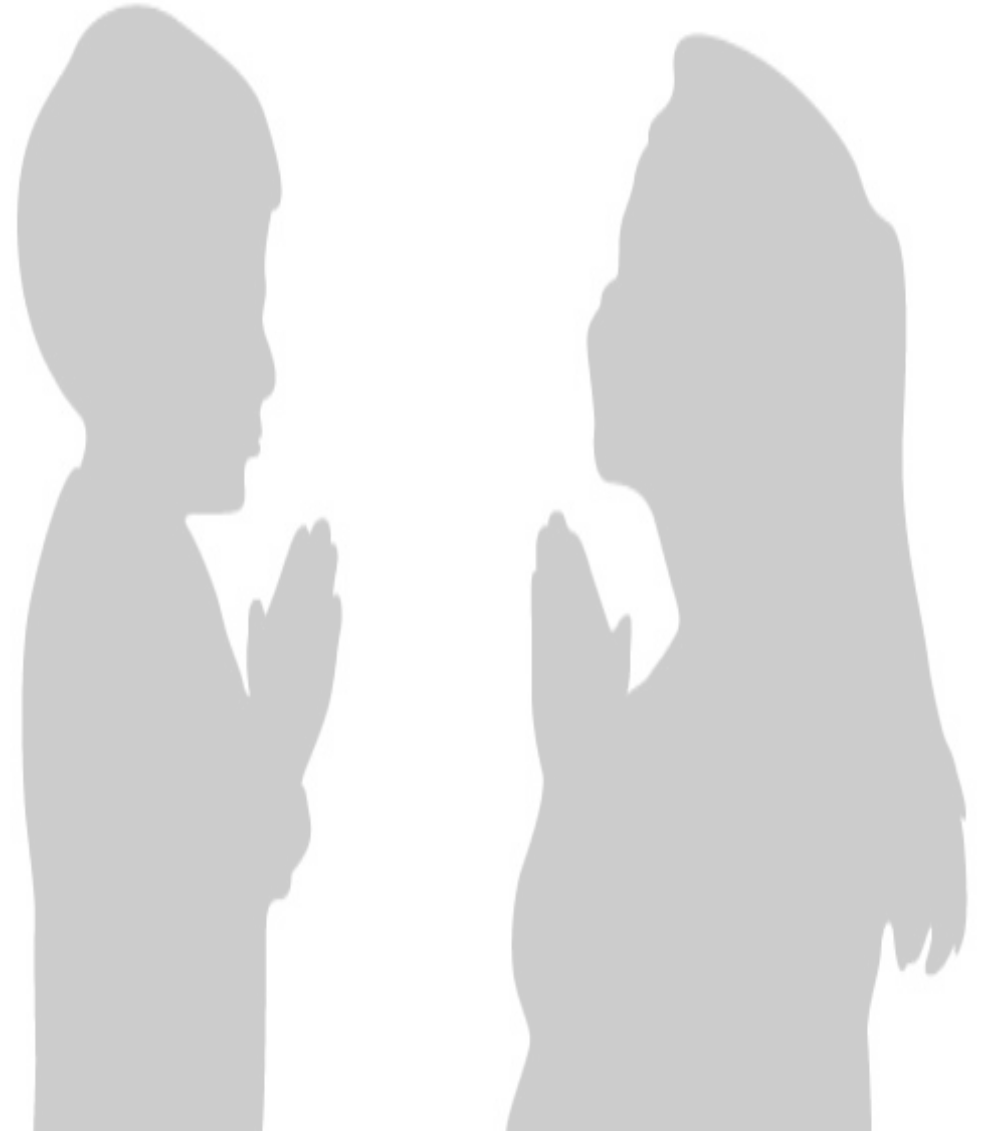
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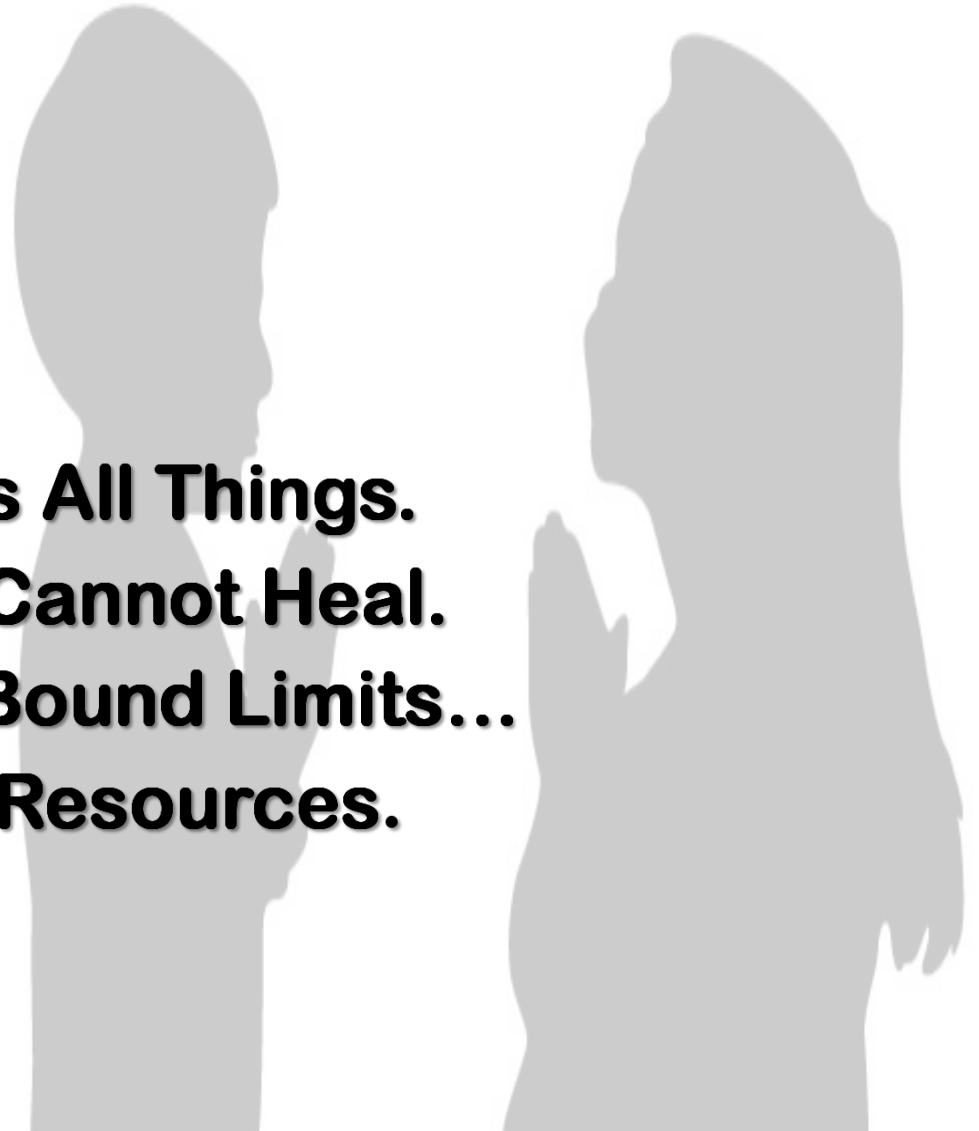
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He is the Everlasting God Who Controls All Things.

- **Earth Has No Sorrow that Heaven Cannot Heal.**
- **Prayer is a Bridge from Our Earth Bound Limits...
...to Heaven's Infinite Resources.**

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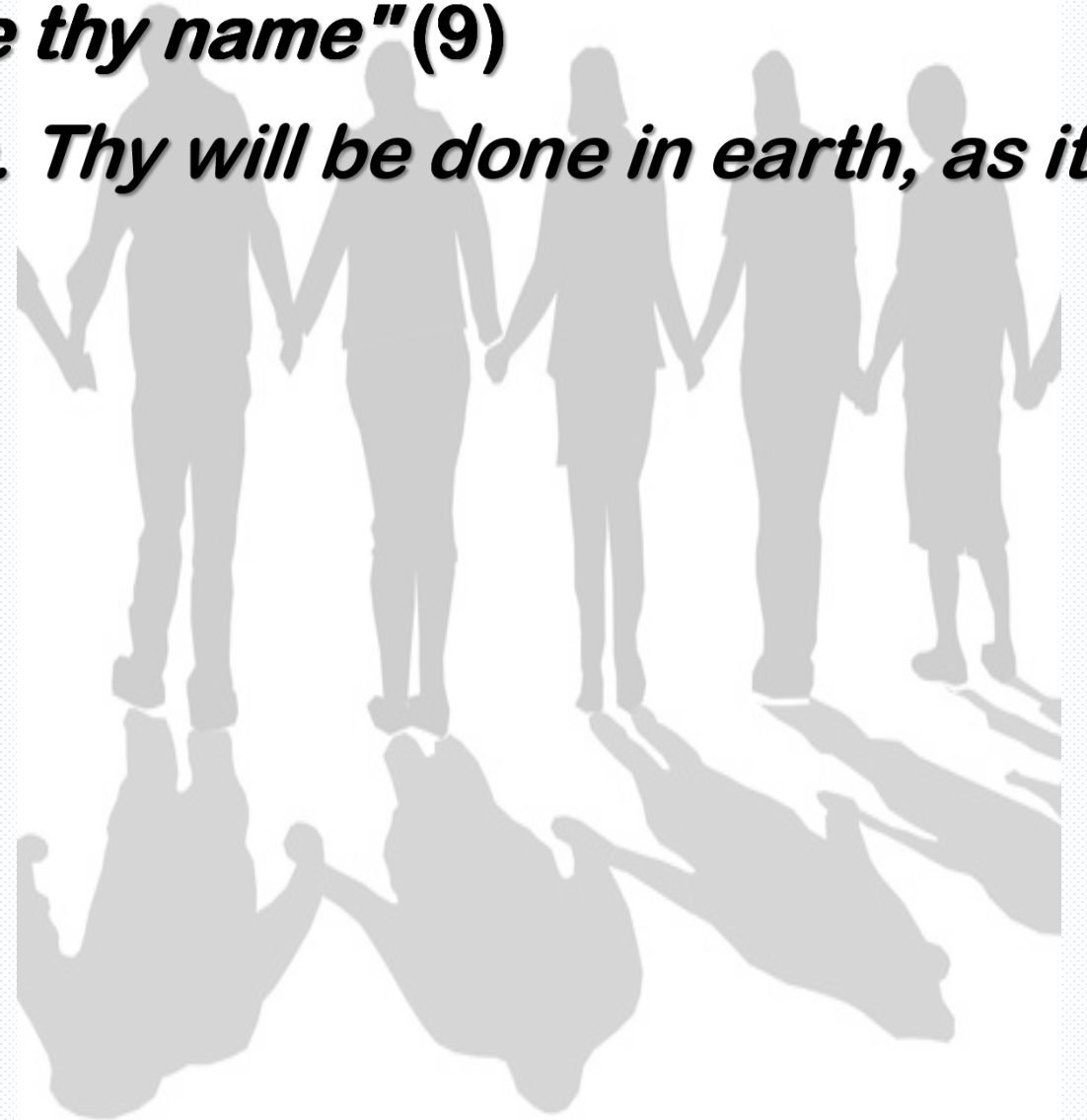


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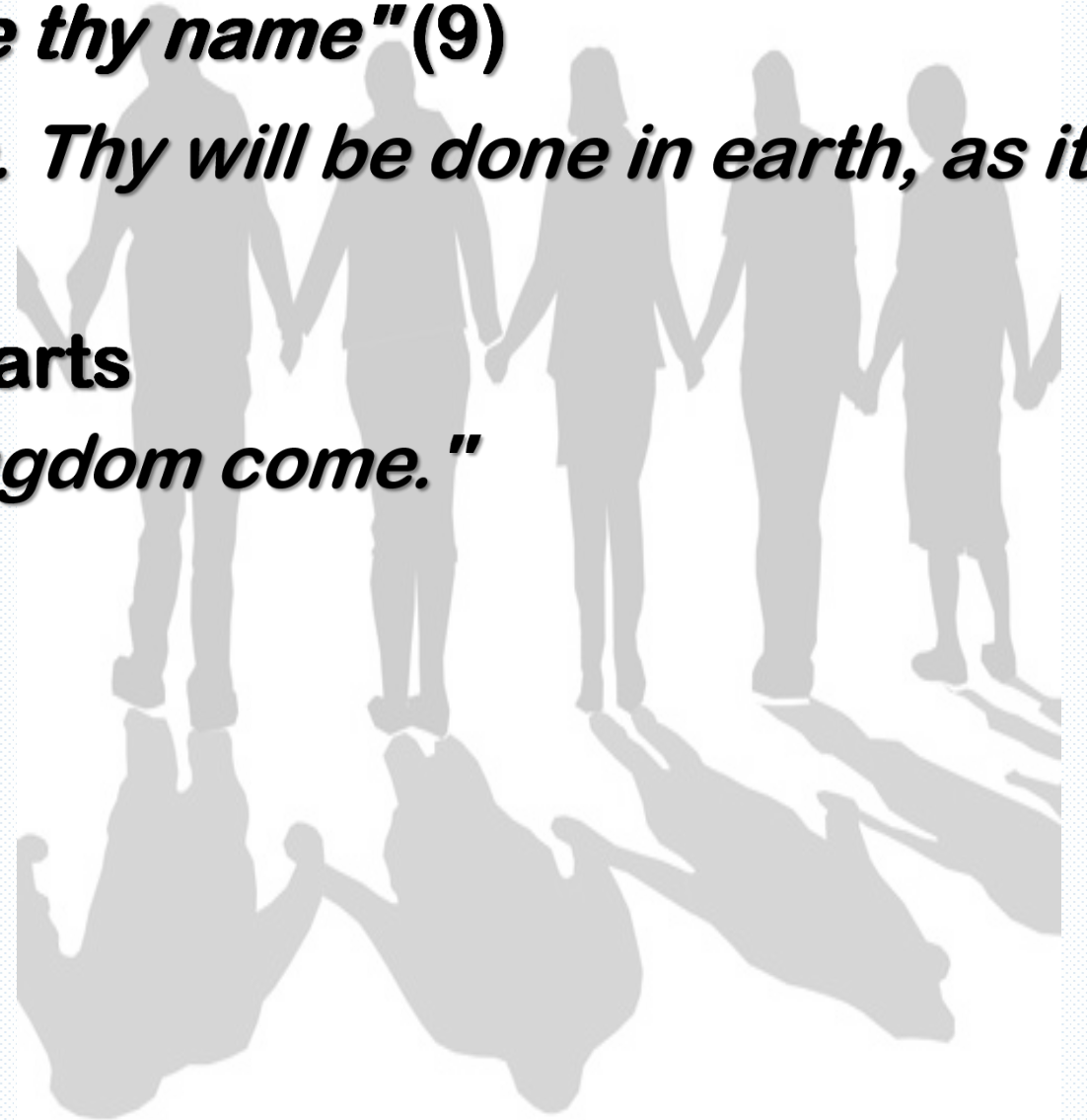


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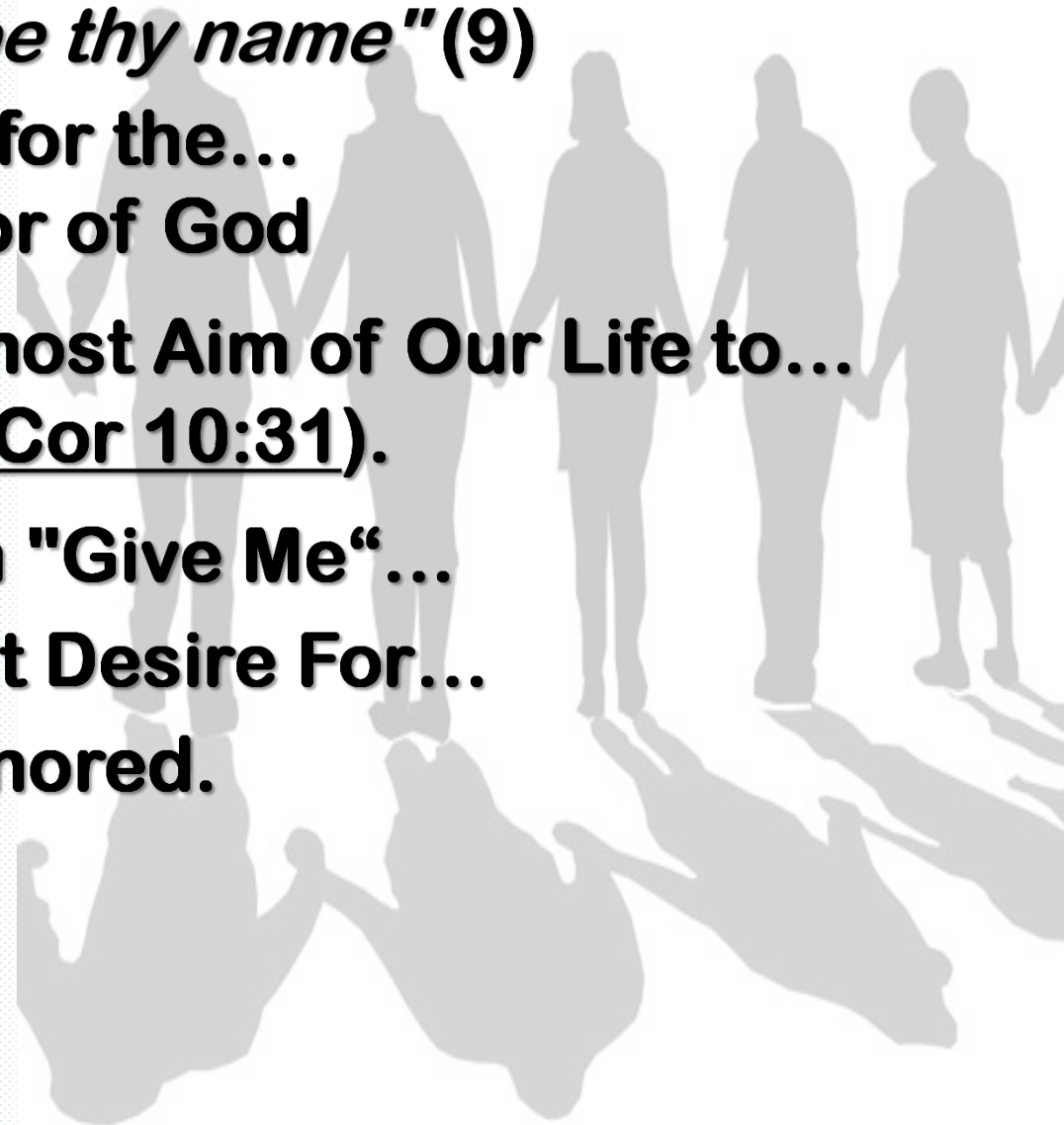
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- **2nd, As Servants, We Say,**
 - "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"*
- Prays that Man Will Submit to God's Rule and...

This Submission Will Be Done with Excellence—

"as it is in heaven"

The image features a sunset or sunrise scene with a dark horizontal band across the middle. The text is centered on this band.

Our Father,
who art in heaven

The First Part of the Prayer is...

Places God in His Proper Position as...

“Our Heavenly Father Full of Glory, Power and Honor”

This Part Alone Should Bring Stability...

...in these Unstable Times

But He Doesn't Stop There....