

The Lord's Prayer

Modeling the Lord's Prayer in your time and relationship with Jesus is a great way to experience the fullness of God's presence, truth, and heart for His creation.

1. "Our Father who is in Heaven"

Write down (or say) characteristics of God that give you comfort in being a child of Him.

Example: God, you are always loving. You always desire the best for me. You are my hiding place, my foundation.

2. "Holy is Your name"

Write down (or say) characteristics of God that draw you to worship Him above all else.

Example: God, you are Creator, the Sustainer, the ultimate Provider, and Life itself. There is no name like your name.

3. "Your Kingdom come, Your desires be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

Write down (or say) areas in your life, your community, and the world where God is using you and use His people, to advance His love and reign. Ask Him for specific people and things you want to see surrendered to His rule.

Example: Jesus, let the prison inmates at ASMP to be broken from their addictions. Break every chain that is holding them back from surrounding every area of their life to you. Give me a heart to love them with Your love, and to speak through me the exact words they need to hear.

4. "Give us today our daily bread"

Write down (or say) the needs in your life that you need him to provide, no matter how big or how small. Be vulnerable enough to allow Him to show you the truth about every request.

Example: God, I ask that you captivate my child, speak to His heart. Let them see that you move in ways contrary to this world. I lay the boat I have been praying about at your feet. Will you reveal if this is a wise use of my resources, if it will cause me to elevate myself above others in my heart, or if this is just a bigger storehouse for me?

5. "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"

Write down (or say) the things you need to ask forgiveness from Jesus, or anything you need to turn (repent) from. Also think if there is anyone that you need to forgive. Write down (or say) what you feel wronged about and forgive that person. A good indicator to know if you have truly forgiven someone is (1) if you do not need to talk about the incident anymore (2) if you believe they do not owe you anything (3) and if you can honestly pray for good in their life.

Example: Jesus, please forgive me for being so short with my spouse. I want a love that overflows with every word to her. I realize my heart is full anger and I surrender it completely to you to renew. I lift up my co-worker who was talking bad about me behind my back. I forgive her. I pray you use me to show her your true love and forgiveness.

6. "Lead us not into trials, but deliver us from the evil one"

Write down (or say) the things you feel the enemy wanting to destroy. Write down (or say) some things you have seen God's protection in throughout your life.

Example: God, I feel the enemy is wanting me to waste my free time scrolling on social media, especially when I have said I want to spend more time reading your Word. Holy Spirit, give me a desire to choose you over social media.