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The Lord's Prayer is structured in a thematic progression, with each prayer component building on the previous one to provide context and significance.

We begin by being mindful of our loving relationship with our heavenly Father, who is also our holy, perfect Creator and Sovereign Ruler. Within this context, we seek to understand His plan and what He wants us to do as we walk according to His will. As a result, we can pray confidently and boldly, knowing that God will supply whatever resources are needed to accomplish His will while protecting us from the schemes and assaults of the evil one.

Acknowledging God's Multifaceted Nature

Many believers have a one-dimensional relationship with God. They approach their Heavenly Father childishly or selfishly.

While God is our Heavenly Father, He is also our Creator. He is the Potter, and we are the clay. We exist to fulfill His purpose. He does not exist to fulfill ours.

Furthermore, God is our Sovereign Ruler. We are his servants who are expected to faithfully fulfill the assignments He gives us. That may involve hardship and suffering.

Our multidimensional relationship with God as our Loving Father, Holy Creator, and Sovereign Ruler must be kept in mind if we are to pray correctly and effectively.

1. "Our Father who art in heaven"

Approach your Heavenly Father with love and gratitude as a dearly loved child. God sees you as entirely forgiven, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, transformed with a new nature.

You are not just someone approaching a distant deity, but a cherished child coming to a loving Father. This relationship is filled with affection and gratitude, free from guilt and shame because Jesus has paid the price for your forgiveness—complete and unconditional.

When God looks at you, He sees the righteousness of Christ, a gift assuring you of His love and acceptance. As a believer, you have a new nature; the old has passed away. This transformation, through the Holy Spirit, empowers you to live a life that reflects God's character, embracing the freedom and newness that comes from being in Christ.

2. "hallowed be thy name"

Approach your Almighty Creator with reverence, awe, and worship. His name is holy, set apart, and worthy of all honor.

You are coming before the One who created the heavens and the earth, the One who holds all power and authority. This is not a casual encounter but a profound moment of connection with the Almighty.

His name is holy, set apart from all that is common or profane. It is a name that commands respect and honor, a name that is above every other name. When you speak His name, do so with the utmost respect, acknowledging His greatness and majesty.

Worship Him with a heart full of gratitude and adoration, for He is worthy of all honor and praise. Reflect on His goodness, His mercy, and His unfailing love. Let your worship be an expression of your deep love and devotion to the One who is infinitely worthy.

3. "Thy kingdom come"

Approach your Sovereign Ruler with a commitment of allegiance and submission. Pledge your obedience and faithful service to Him as He builds His Kingdom and fulfills His divine purposes.

You are coming before the King of Kings, the ultimate and absolute authority over all creation. (this sentence as basically a repeat. Either reword it or delete it.)

Your allegiance requires a wholehearted commitment to follow His commands, seek His will, and live according to His principles. You fulfill this commitment by offering your talents, time, and resources to advance His Kingdom and bring glory to His name.

As you submit to His authority, trust that His plans are perfect and His purposes are good. By aligning your life with His divine intentions, you become part of His grand plan, contributing to the growth of His Kingdom on earth.

Requesting God's Intervention

Our self-centeredness often causes our prayers to focus on what we want God to do for us.

But Jesus taught his disciples to pray in alignment with God's will, promising that such prayers would be answered. Therefore, seeking God's will first is essential, as it sets the foundation for all subsequent prayers.

4. "Thy will be done"

Seek guidance from God so you know his will. This step is crucial as it shifts your focus from your desires to God's plan. By seeking His will, you demonstrate your trust in His wisdom and commitment to fulfill His plan for your life.

Understanding God's will is crucial for aligning your life with His purposes. It involves discerning His desires, which may differ from your own. Submitting to His will enables you to make decisions that honor Him.

This process shifts your focus from personal ambitions to God's plans, requiring the setting aside of your own preferences. In doing so, you demonstrate trust in His wisdom, acknowledging that His understanding far surpasses your own (see Isaiah 55:9).

Seeking God's will means following His lead, even when it requires sacrifice or stepping out of your comfort zone. This reflects your commitment to glorifying God and furthering His Kingdom.

5. "Give us this day our daily bread"

Seek God's provision so you can do his will. He has promised to supply your needs, not your wants. Therefore, you can confidently ask for those things necessary to carry out His divine plan.

God is your ultimate provider who meets all your needs according to His riches in glory. Because you have discerned God's will (see "Thy Will Be Done" above), you can approach Him confidently, knowing He will supply what you need to fulfill His will. His provision may not match your personal preferences, but it is always perfect and sufficient.

Seeking God's provision also aligns your desires with His divine purposes.

God is faithful to respond to your prayers for His provision with resources, wisdom, strength, and guidance to carry out His plans. So, step out in faith, trusting that His provision will be there when needed.

6. “Forgive us our trespasses”

Seek God’s forgiveness when you disobey his will. Whenever you disobey God, confess your wrongdoing. Ask God to guide you back on course and restore your fellowship with Him.

When you stray off course, take responsibility, confess your sins, and turn back to God. Confession opens the door to God’s forgiveness and healing, removing the barrier sin has created between you and Him.

Seek His mercy and grace, knowing He is always ready to restore your fellowship. Then ask God for guidance and pray for wisdom and strength to avoid repeating past mistakes that led to sin. He will lead you to the right path and help you grow in your faith and obedience.

7. “Deliver us from evil”

Seek God’s protection from the evil one so you can accomplish God’s will.

Ask God to shield you from the devil’s deceptions, schemes, and assaults.

The devil aims to steer you away from God’s will. By seeking God’s protection, you recognize your need for His divine help to resist these attacks.

Pray for discernment to identify lies and remain anchored in God’s truth. The devil’s schemes are meant to undermine your faith and can manifest as temptations, distractions, and discouragements.

Ask for God’s guidance and strength to navigate these challenges and daily put on the spiritual armor to resist the enemy’s plans (see Ephesians 6:10-20). Trust in His sovereignty to safeguard you from deception and assaults.

Praying According to God’s Will

Following the sequence of topics in the Lord’s Prayer can strengthen your faith and make your prayers more confident and assured. Align your heart with His will, trust in His provision, embrace forgiveness, and seek His protection. This will strengthen your relationship with God and help you fulfill His plan for your life.

As we pray through the Lord's Prayer as a roadmap, we align ourselves with God's divine purposes, draw closer to Him, and grow in spiritual maturity. As a result, we will be all He wants us to be and do all He wants us to do. And as we enter heaven, we will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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