

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

(Matthew 6:33)

The Lord's Prayer

PART 2

1. Hallowed be Your name

- Lit. "Make Your name holy or sanctified"
- We ought to pray that His holy name be hallowed both in us and through us.
- Pray that the Lord sanctify us and all that we do through prayer
- "Enable us to live so purely that through us all may glorify you." It points us again to mature self-control, that we may present to all a life so irreprehensible that every one of those who observe may offer to the Lord the praise due to Him for this. (St. John Chrysostom)

2. Your Kingdom Come

- Lit. "Make your kingdom come"
- We prepare for the kingdom of heaven here on earth.
- "For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." (Lk. 17:21)

3. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

- Lit. "Make Your will be done, as in heaven, on earth."
- We ask God the Father that He not allow us to live out our earthly lives according to our sinful ways, but according to His will.
- "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:2)

4. Give us this day our daily bread

- Lit. "Give us today our epiousios bread"
- "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4)
- Not referring to material bread
- We are asking for bread that when we eat it, we will never die

5. Forgive us as we forgive those indebted

- Lit "Forgive us what we ought as we have forgiven those indebted to us."
- Consider the Parable of the Unjust Servant (Matt. 18:21-35)

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

- "...do not allow us to be led by the tempter." (Tertullian)
- We ask Him to preserve us from all that confuses our spirits and from temptations that are beyond our strength to reject.
- "When people are not being led into temptation, they are also delivered from the evil one." (Cyril of Alexandria)

7. Deliver us from the evil one

 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Pet. 5:8)

