

Understanding the Deeper Meaning of the Lord's Prayer

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Here is a summary of what is meant by the words of this perfect prayer.

Our Father,	The Lord is our heavenly Father
who art in the heavens,	The Lord is in the heavens.
hallowed be Thy name.	Let Thy name be kept holy.
Thy kingdom come.	A wish for the church to come on earth as in the heavens.
Thy will be done,	The Lord's will is to give us the happiness of heaven.
as in heaven so upon the earth.	Do the Lord's will as the angels do.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Food for the body and food for the spirit.
And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.	Our praying must be in the spirit of forgiveness.
And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.	A prayer for the perpetual presence of the Lord to guard us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,	We seek to enter into the Lord's kingdom.
and the power,	All spiritual power is from the Lord alone.
and the glory,	Divinity is the Lord's alone.
forever.	The idea of eternity must be present in our prayers.
Amen.	"It is true."