

# The Lords Prayer

Live according to its instruction

# Introduction

1. The Lord's prayer is only found in **Matthew and Luke**.
2. Given during **Sermon on mount** in Matthews Gospel (Mat 6:9-13)
3. In Luke (11:2-4) it was an answer to the question of a disciple: "**Lord teach us to pray**".
4. Luke's version is **shorter** than Matthew
5. It's a prayer **given to his disciples** and for the believers but **not for Jesus** – Why?
6. 1<sup>st</sup> few centuries the Lord's prayer was a special gift and taught to people **preparing for Baptism** and given to them on the eve of their Baptism
7. John Chrysostom said it was given to the believers on **covenant Thursday** before their Baptism on Easter
8. Even in the Liturgy it is prayer right before the Eucharist: "**we dare** to pray unto You O' God, our Heavenly Father, without fear and say, Our Father Who Art in Heaven  
....."

# Our Father who art in Heaven

1. **“Our”** – We are a communal. Not just praying for us but for the whole Church there is No **My, Me, I!**
2. Importance of **praying together on Sunday Liturgy**
3. We can call Him Father only through Christ. **We are adopted**
4. **Relationship** of love with the Father
5. Who art in Heaven - **Lift our hearts and mind to heaven**

# Hallowed by thy name

1. Jews could not say the name of God. Used **Adoni** which is Lord. Not Yaweh “I AM”
2. Early Christians were the same with the name of Jesus.
3. **You would see** Abouna Yohanna cross himself when he mentions the Lords name
4. CYPRIAN: We pray “Hallowed be thy name,” not that we wish that God may be made holy by our prayers but that his name may be hallowed in us.
5. When we become aware of Him it effects **change in us**

# Thy Kingdom come

1. Kingdom of God was the very heart of Jesus preaching:  
**“Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand”**
2. What is the Kingdom - **Are we praying for the end of the world?**
3. Thy Kingdome come – has not come
4. Kingdom of God is at hand – is coming
5. Kingdom of God is within you
6. **The Kingdom is authority not location**
7. **We taste now** what we will experience in fullness

# Thy will be done on earth as it is in

## Heaven

1. This prayer is a **measure of your faith**. Do we really want the will of God in our life?
2. We ask for the **strength to understand, desire and implement His will**
3. **That I may judge and measure my life according to His will**
4. Sometimes we pray by **telling God what he already knows** and asking Him to solve it our way
5. **Angels** execute His will. Bishop is the angel of the diocese

# Give us this day our daily bread

1. Greek: Give us this day our *Epiousios* bread
2. Translated literally: **super substantial bread** (or supernatural)
3. It refers to the Bread of Life – the Body of Christ! The **Eucharist!**
4. ORIGEN: Since some understand from this that we are commanded to pray for material bread, it will be well to refute their error here and to establish the truth about the *epiousios* (supersubstantial)<sup>35</sup> bread. We must ask them how it could be that he who commanded us to ask for great and heavenly favors should command us to intercede with the Father for what is small and of the earth
5. It is not earthly bread. Doesn't make sense to have an earthly request in the middle
  - A. “Man shall not live by bread alone”
  - B. “Do not be anxious for what you will eat...”

# And forgive us our trespass as we forgive those who trespass against us

1. Establishes a **link** to us forgiving others
2. He **repeats** this right after the Lords prayer Mt 6:14-15
  - <sup>14</sup> “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

1. Often misunderstood. **Can God lead us into temptation?**
2. Do not let us fall when we are tempted
3. God allows tests up to our level. E.g. **Job**
4. Evil = **Evil one**

# Through Jesus Christ our Lord For thine is the Kingdom the Power the Glory forever Amen

1. Through Jesus Christ our Lord is added by the Church
2. This the crown of the prayer
3. Three key symbols of the Christian faith: Kingdom, Power, Glory
4. As we pray this our life is opened towards the Kingdom, is filled with power, shines with glory