

A person wearing a purple robe and a red and white striped shawl is blowing a long, curved horn. The background features a bright sunset with a large sun and orange sky, and distant mountains.

PRAYING IT, LIVING IT

TWO BOOKENDS

The Lord's Prayer (8)

Two bookends around the prayer:

Pray then like this:

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9

Matthew 6:13 — traditional doxology

The first shows us how Jesus intends us to understand and use the prayer.

The second gives us a fitting response once we have prayed it.

BEGIN WITH JESUS' INVITATION
END IN WORSHIP

THE QUESTION AT THE END OF THE SERIES:

“Is the Lord’s Prayer actually shaping the way I pray
... and the way I live?”

Jesus didn’t give us this prayer so we could learn
a better technique.

He gave it to us to pray.

1. “PRAY THEN LIKE THIS”

Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:8–9

Before Jesus tells us how to pray

Matthew 6:5–9

PERFORMANCE

Don't pray so people will notice how spiritual you are.

EMPTY REPETITION

Don't multiply words as though more words make God more likely to listen.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:8–9

Words worth praying — and more than words

“Pray then like this...”

Matthew 6:9

“When you pray, say...”

Luke 11:2

There is value in praying the actual words Jesus gave us.
But He has also given us a pattern for prayer.

WORDS + PATTERN

MORE THAN A PRAYER PATTERN

He's actually given us a pattern capable of shaping our entire lives with the Father.

Prayer is not only something we say.

It is a posture we learn to live.

The prayer's pattern — 1

RELATIONSHIP

“Our Father in heaven” - before a single request

WORSHIP

“Hallowed be Your name” - His honour before our need

HIS PURPOSES

“Your kingdom come” - His kingdom before mine

SURRENDER

“Your will be done” - my will beneath His

Jesus is shaping the posture of the person who prays.

The prayer's pattern — 2

DEPENDENCE

“Give us this day our daily bread” - not self-sufficiency

MERCY

“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” - receive mercy, extend mercy

LEADING

“Lead us not into temptation...” - we cannot navigate alone

PROTECTION

“...but deliver us from evil” - we need our Father

THE POINT OF: “PRAY THEN LIKE THIS”

Not seven subjects to mention.

A posture to live.

“He is showing us the posture of a disciple
before the Father.”

2. THE PRAYER THAT FORMS THE DISCIPLE

What kind of person should praying this prayer
actually produce?

Galatians 4:19

I can say the prayer . . . and still live against it

“Our Father. . .”

. . .and live as though everything depends on me.

“Hallowed be Your name. . .”

. . .and care more about my reputation than His.

“Your kingdom come. . .”

. . .and spend my energy building my own little kingdom.

Knowing the words is not the same as being formed by them.

**Knowing the words is not the same
as being formed by them.**

The contradictions should get narrower

“Your will be done...”

...and become frustrated when God does not do what I wanted.

“Give us ... daily bread...”

...and assume everything depends on my ability to provide.

“Forgive us our debts...”

...while quietly keeping somebody else's debt to me.

“Lead us not into temptation...”

...while making decisions without seriously asking Him to lead.

Knowing the prayer ≠ being formed by the prayer

Galatians 4:19

“What I pray and the way I live should increasingly begin to resemble one another.”

FORMATION: Christ being formed in me.

The Lord's Prayer is not merely something the disciple prays.

It describes the disciple Jesus is forming.

Prayer is more than transferring information

“Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Matthew 6:8

He knows. He still tells us to ask.

Something is happening in us.

God acts. God hears.

We bring real needs, circumstances and people.

And while we are praying, something is also happening to us.

What prayer is doing in the person who prays

KINGDOM + WILL

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done” – my kingdom & will beneath His

DAILY BREAD

“Give us this day...” – tomorrow-anxiety handed back

FORGIVENESS

“Forgive us . . . as we forgive . . .” – sin, resentment & unforgiveness exposed

**Again and again, the prayer brings us back
underneath the loving rule of the Father.**

ABIDING UNDER HIS LOVING RULE

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalms 91:1

We never outgrow:

FATHER

SURRENDER

DEPENDENCE

MERCY

LEADING

PROTECTION

A PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES

Jesus has given us a prayer
for disciples.

And a prayer that keeps
making disciples.

The Lord's Prayer keeps bringing us back
to the Father.

Not once. Again and again.

3. EVERYTHING RETURNS TO HIM

“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Matthew 6:13 — traditional doxology

Textual note

Matthew 6:13

EARLIEST SURVIVING MANUSCRIPTS

The doxology is absent from the earliest surviving manuscripts of Matthew and is footnoted or omitted in many modern translations.

EARLY CHURCH WORSHIP

Very early Christians were already attaching a doxology to the prayer in worship. “For Yours is the power and the glory forever.

Didache

The wording is not foreign to the prayer — it gives back to God what the prayer already taught belongs to Him.

**The church reaches the end ...
and responds with worship**

THE KINGDOM is Yours

THE POWER is Yours

THE GLORY is Yours

“Yes Lord. It really is all Yours!”

**The doxology gives back what
the prayer already confessed**

KINGDOM

“Your kingdom come.” → “Yours is the kingdom.”

POWER

Give • Forgive • Lead • Deliver → “Yours is the power.”

GLORY

“Hallowed be Your name.” → “Yours is the glory.”

The doxology does not introduce a new subject.
It gathers the whole prayer back to God.

Prayer may not leave us where we started

WE COME WITH NEEDS

Give us • Forgive us • Lead us • Deliver us



**OUR EYES LIFT AGAIN
WHO HE IS**

The problem may still be there.

The answer may not have arrived yet.

But we remember again Who He is
— and to Whom everything belongs.

RELATIONSHIP → SURRENDER

OUR FATHER

He has brought us into relationship with Himself.



YOURS

Everything is His.

Not my kingdom • Not my power • Not my glory

**“Everything between ‘Our Father’ and
‘Yours’ is a life learning dependence.”**

Intimacy never cancels reverence

FATHER

The One who invites us to call Him Father still has a name to be hallowed.

KING

He is still the King whose kingdom is coming.

SURRENDER

His will is still the will to which ours must surrender.

GLORY

The kingdom, power and glory are still His.

**Surrender becomes possible because we know
whose hands we are surrendering into.**

4. PRAYING IT UNTIL WE LIVE IT

Our Father.

Give us.

Forgive us.

Lead us.

Deliver us.

Not merely **my / me**

But **our / us**

Jesus is forming a people — not isolated disciples

DAILY BREAD

The word “us” can make me look beyond my own cupboard.
What about my brother? What about my sister?

FORGIVENESS

We belong to a community that lives entirely by grace.
I need mercy. You need mercy.

LEADING

Pray for family, church, brothers and sisters in battles. Lead us. Deliver us.
Pray it alone - with your spouse - your children - as the church.

5. PRAYING LIKE THIS

THE PRACTICE

Slow it down. Let each line open a conversation with the Father.

OUR FATHER

Stop. Remember relationship. "You are my Father."

YOUR WILL BE DONE

Stay there if needed. Let familiar words become surrender.

FORGIVE US

Ask what needs bringing into the light & whose debt you are still holding.

6. AMEN — more than punctuation

TRULY • LET IT BE SO • I AGREE

When I say Amen, what exactly am I agreeing to?

YOUR WILL

“Yes, Father — even when Your will crosses mine.”

AMEN - FORGIVE

“I need Your mercy — and I will not cling to another’s debt.”

AMEN - YOURS

Kingdom • Power • Glory • Forever

AMEN!

THE QUESTION IS NOT SIMPLY

“Have I learned the Lord’s Prayer?”

THE BETTER QUESTION IS

“Will I let Jesus teach me to live it?”

OUR FATHER → YOURS → AMEN

For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.

AMEN.