

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus said "Abba," a familial term for "father," but today some people use more expansive language for God, such as "Dear One," "Beloved One," or "Father and Mother of us all."

OUR FATHER

Which Father?

Prayer is a conversation with God.

Who art (is) in heaven,
(Be specific when you talk to God.)



Our translation of the Lord's Prayer dates back to the 1500s, when Shakespeare's English was popular.

Hallowed (Holy) be Thy (your) name.
God is holy, separate, worthy of worship.

Thy (your) kingdom come,
Thy (your) will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

What is God's deep hope? What does God want for the world?

The Petitions

Each part of the prayer asks for God's help in a different way — to sustain, forgive, help, and protect us.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

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

Some congregations use the following:

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

or

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

In Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, the word for "debt" and "sin" is the same. "Trespasses" comes from a 1395 English translation by John Wycliffe.

The Lord's Prayer combines the prayers Jesus taught his disciples in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. While individual words have changed, the church has prayed the Lord's Prayer for centuries. The Lord's Prayer provides a model of how to pray.



For thine (yours) is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever (and ever).
Amen.*

*Not all faith traditions add these closing words of praise (doxology).

