

Understanding the Meaning of the Lord's Prayer

(adapted from a worship talk by the Rev. Ormond Odhner)

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

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| 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." |