

# The Lord's Prayer: Pattern Part 1

## Prerequisites

1. Motive – why you pray
2. Mode – how you pray
3. Must – before you pray

*This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## “Our Father”

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” John 3:1

## Outline

1st half: God - *his name, his kingdom, his will.*

2<sup>nd</sup> half: Humankind - *give us, forgive us, lead us.*

Trinitarian structure

Hallowed be your name – directed to the Father

Your kingdom come - established through the Son

Your will be done - executed by the Holy Spirit

Give us today our daily bread - the Father's provision.

Forgive us our debts - the Son's pardon

Lead us not into temptation - the Holy Spirit's protection.

## Pattern

1. “Our”
2. “Father”
3. “Our Father”
4. “Who is in heaven”

"Our" - speaks of Community

"Father" - speaks of Family

"In heaven" - speaks of Authority

"Our" - I do not pray alone.

"Father" - I am not left alone.

"In heaven" - I do not struggle alone.

"Hallowed be your name."

"Your Kingdom Come"

The Kingdom of God

1. Was the central focus of Jesus' ministry.

Matt 4:17; Matt 4:23; Lk 4:43; Lk 17:21; Jn 18: 36-37

2. Is the only thing that will last forever.

*Praying "Your kingdom comes" links us with the faithful of all ages who have surveyed the wreckage of a fallen world and concluded that there must be something better than this.*

"Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

In heaven, God's will is *always* done;

In heaven, God's will is *instantaneously* done;

In heaven, God's will is *completely* done;

In heaven, God's will is *joyfully* done.