

*The Lord's Pattern
of
Prayer*

*I love the Lord, because He hears
My voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.*

Psalm 116:1-2

Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done on earth.

Robert Law

*[Jesus] was giving a pattern, not an inflexible form.
The exact words implied may vary greatly,
while the individual prayer itself conforms
to the pattern given.*

J. Oswald Sanders

Outline of the Lord's Prayer

Sanctification

Sovereignty

Submission

Provision

Pardon

Protection

Our Father - come in a relationship of
affection and intimacy & dependence -
praying for all Christians

in heaven - God reigns overall -
He is transcendent & majestic

may your name be kept holy -reverenced,
regarded as sacred

*You have a holy God who longs to make you holy.
Obey the voice of God that calls you to spend time
with Him in the stillness of your prayer room
so that He may cause His holiness to rest on you.*

Andrew Murray

“A Christlike character is the best way of hallowing the name of God.”

J. Oswald Sanders

May your kingdom come soon - pray for God's
redemptive rule in the hearts of people now &
to pray for Christ's return in glory

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven - what
God has declared should happen, does happen

We pledge ourselves to know God's will
and then to do it.

*True prayer is not asking God for what
we want, but for what He wants.*

J. Oswald Sanders

Give us today the food we need - our sense of
absolute dependence on God for daily nourishment-
also concern for our needy brothers & sisters

Is there not something extraordinary and wonderful about the connection between this request and the previous requests?..that the God who is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe...is prepared to consider your little needs and mine even down to the minutest detail in the matter of daily bread!

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven
those who sin against us - unity of the body -
we forgive because we have been forgiven -*

*“...how can I expect God to do mercifully for me what
I callously refuse to do for others?” (Storms)*

You don't forgive someone merely for their sake; you do it for your sake; you do it for your sake so you can be free. Your need to forgive isn't an issue between you and the offender; it's between you and God.

Neil Anderson

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Romans 12:19

*Forgiveness deals with your pain,
not another's behavior.*

Neil Anderson

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15

*It isn't that God will not forgive the unforgiving.
It is simply that the unforgiving lack the humble
attitude that both permits them to accept
forgiveness and frees them to extend forgiveness.*

Lawrence O. Richards

We do not earn God's blessing by forgiving one another. Our forgiving spirit is one evidence that our hearts are right with God and that we want to obey His will, and this makes it possible for the Father to hear us and to answer prayer.

Warren Wiersbe

*And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.*

Matthew 6:13

So that the petition essentially is “Make straight our paths. Spare us, where possible, from all crises, whether of temptation or affliction.

C. S. Lewis

So this petition is primarily a prayer for protection in time of testing and danger, when we are open to attacks from the evil one; and secondarily it is a prayer for deliverance when enticed by him to sin.

J. Oswald Sanders

Prayer is the soul's vigil...So it is that sin is conquered, not in the moment of temptation but in the long prayerful discipline that precedes it.

John Baillie

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

Matthew 6: 13

Although apparently not a part of the prayer as the Lord gave it, it is entirely in keeping with its spirit, and affords a fitting climax of adoration to this, the incomparable prayer.

J. Oswald Sanders

*It is the prayer you would want to offer
if you loved God with all your heart.*

Archbishop William Temple