

## My Number One Prayer “How-To”

Luke 11:1-4

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”*

Luke 11:1 (New International Version)

The Lord’s Prayer offers **three areas of focus** that give believers a pattern to follow in their prayer lives.

- **FOCUS FIRST ON GETTING CONNECTED TO GOD.**

*He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, . . .’”*  
Luke 11:2a (NIV)

### Two Important Parts of the Connection:

- A believer comes to God in the same way that an earthly child comes to her father: with confidence in the love relationship.

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

*<sup>6</sup>Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)*

- We honor His name with praise.

Hallowed = hagiozo = to be holy (See 8 Names of God on last page)

*“Father: May your holy name be honored . . .”* Luke 11:2a (Good News Translation)

- **FOCUS SECOND ON PRAYING GOD’S WILL FOR YOUR WORLD.**

*He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.’”* Luke 11:2 (NIV)

A kingdom is a realm in which a king exerts control and authority.

## The Kingdom of God is . . .

- . . . God’s rule and authority.
- . . . the realm in which God is in control.
- . . . the time of God’s rule.

### When you pray “your kingdom come,” you are inviting . . .

- . . . God’s kingdom—His will and authority—to find expression in the here and now.
- . . . God’s priorities to work themselves out in this world.
- . . . God’s rule to change a situation.

- **FOCUS THIRD ON THE NEEDS OF YOUR OWN LIFE.**

*“Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”* Luke 11:3-4 (NIV)

- Need #1: “Daily bread” = asking God for His daily provision in our lives

*But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.* 1 Timothy 6:8 (NIV)

- Need #2: “Forgive us our sins” = gaining and giving forgiveness

See Acts 24:16; Matthew 18

*Cling tightly to your faith in Christ, and always keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.* 1 Timothy 1:19 (New Living Translation)

- Need #3: “Lead us not” = asking God for help in resisting temptation  
. . . *For we are not unaware of his [Satan’s] schemes.* 2 Corinthians 2:11b (NIV)

## The Eight Names for God in the Old Testament

Yahweh Tsidkenu

The Lord our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16)

Yahweh M'kaddesh

The Lord who Sanctifies (Leviticus 20:8)

Yahweh Shalom

The Lord who is our Peace (Judges 6:24)

Yahweh Shammah

The Lord who is There, He never leaves us (Ezekiel 48:35)

Yahweh Rophe

The Lord who Heals (Exodus 15:26)

Yahweh Jireh

The Lord who Provides (Genesis 22:24)

Yahweh Nissi

The Lord my Banner (Exodus 17:15)

Yahweh Rohi

The Lord who is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)