

“The Disciples’ Prayer” Matthew 6:7-13

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Big Picture Truth: Making requests of a loving Father is the core of prayer.

Prayer is intelligent communication with a loving Father about matters of mutual concern.

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven . . .” Matthew 6:7-9a (English Standard Version)

And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is . . . ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water . . .” Genesis 21:17-19 (ESV)

Believers are encouraged to make requests of their loving Father.

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Matthew 6:7-13 (ESV)

- **May your name be hallowed.**
 - *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”.*
 - Pray that the name of God be regarded with the utmost possible respect.
- **May your kingdom come.**
 - *“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”.*
 - Pray that the pockets of resistance to God’s rule will be overcome so that His will can be done.
- **Give us our daily bread.**
 - *“Give us this day our daily bread”.*
 - Make requests for your needs, and trust that God in that day, will meet them.
- **Forgive our sins.**
 - *“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”*
 - Pray that your sins be forgiven and that God enables you to extend forgiveness to others.

- **Don't bring us to the time of trial.**
 - *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil".*
 - *Temptation = peirasmos = temptation, trial or test.*
 - Request **deliverance from and protection in** testing and trials.