

*Sermon on the Mount: Jesus' Challenge to Authentic Discipleship – Week Thirteen****Praying the Lord's Prayer****Matthew 6:5-10*

Introduction: The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' teaching on basic essential prayer...the ABCs of prayer. It is a springboard prayer that can be used anytime and anywhere, and you can expand on it, praying the truth of each line.

1. **LINE 1:** ***“Our Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 6:8, 9b***
 - A. The name Father would have been a surprise for Jesus listeners.
 - B. Calling him “our” Father means we should come to him in the context of community. 6:9b

2. **LINES 2, 3 & 4:** ***“Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done.” Matthew 6:9c-10a***
 - A. Seeking God's glory should be our top priority.
 - B. Jesus is the King, and we should pray that God's fame and influence would spread far and wide.

3. **LINE 5:** ***“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11***
 - A. What this meant the 1st century.
 - B. What it means for us today.

4. **LINE 6:** ***“Forgive us our debts.” Matthew 6:12***
 - A. Understanding the difference between legal and relational forgiveness.
 - B. Putting forgiveness into practice.

5. **LINE 7:** – ***“Lead us not into temptation.” Matthew 6:13a***
 - A. How does this verse compare with James 1:13ff?
 - B. Applying the truth of this prayer.

6. **LINE 8:** – ***“Deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13b, 14-15***
 - A. This prayer addresses the reality of spiritual warfare.
 - B. It is important that we take spiritual warfare seriously and pray for protection.

7. **LINE 9:** ***Conclusion to the prayer Matthew 6:13c***