

Don't pray this prayer!

Matthew 6:9-15

⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.¹

Invocation: “Abba, Father” (9)

Requests (9b-13)

- May your name be honored (9b)
- May your rule be obeyed (10a)
- May your will be accomplished (10b)
- Please meet our needs each day as we depend on you (11)
- Please grant us forgiveness and a forgiving spirit (12)
- Please protect us from falling into sin (13)

Benediction: “To God be the glory” (13b)

Implications: This prayer is lived in community (14-15)

When you pray, focus on God and his interests before you present your concerns to him.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. Wheaton : Standard Bible Society, 2001