

*“After This Manner Therefore Pray ye: ‘Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever. Amen.’ Matthew 6:9-13no2 KJV*

Our text today is the Divine instruction of our Lord in response to the request, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”* It is what many refer to as “The Lord’s Prayer,” but in actuality it is the “Model Prayer.” It is the guide for praying. Notice that it begins with praise and ends with praise, as well it should for we are Commanded, *“Enter into His Gates with thanksgiving, and into His Courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name. For the LORD is good; His Mercy is everlasting; and His Truth endureth to all generations.”* We must be always mindful that although our Lord calls us “Friend” and we walk with Him, it is the KING of kings that has chosen us and we must give Him all the respect, reverence, and honor due the Sovereign of Eternity! Praise is the Pathway to the Presence of our Lord. *“Thou art Holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto Thy Name.”* It must be with grateful hearts that present our petitions to His Majesty. We ought remember that God is our Father and bids us come to Him. *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.”* Ever seek Father’s Mercy when you talk to Him for we are but frail flesh that sin against His Holy Name daily, with our attitudes, articulation, and actions. Also notice that before we seek His Mercy we should seek His provision for today, not tomorrow which we may never see. This gets us in the habit of coming to Father often as children, for He is our Family!



In earthly life we ought to stay,  
Close to our Father in the Way,  
So we may humbly give Him praise,  
As we to Him our voices raise. –CGP

Children are only fearful of loving parents when they disobey. We may enter the Throne Room at anytime, provided we enter it with proper attitude and behavior. *“Be careful (fretful) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”* Don’t carry the burden of care all alone. Go to Father for He has bid us, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.’ Casting ALL your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”* Your Father knows your heart better than you know it yourself. *“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, BEFORE ye ask Him.”* Trust Him to be your supply in all things!

*“Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such Knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.” Psalms 139:2-6 KJV*