

Special Section: The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Revisited

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- How can we say *our* unless we make room for others in our fellowship?
- How can we say *Father* unless we have been born from above through Christ Jesus?
- How can we say *who art in Heaven* unless we grasp the awesome majesty and vast love of God?
- How can we say *hallowed be Thy name* unless we who are called by His name dedicate ourselves to holy living?
- How can we say *Thy Kingdom come* unless we always commit ourselves to obey the King of kings in extending His loving rule to all who will receive it?
- How can we say *Thy will be done* unless we release the demand to have it our way?
- How can we say *on earth as it is in Heaven* unless we proclaim and demonstrate the gospel of Christ to the privileged and underprivileged somewhere, everywhere?
- How can we say *give us this day our daily bread* unless we give food and job training and hope to the hungry and homeless?
- How can we say *forgive us our trespasses* as we forgive those who trespass against us unless we make every effort to resolve conflicts quickly by talking to the ones who hurt us instead of talking about them?

- How can we say *lead us not into temptation* unless we adopt biblical standards of integrity and morality for our church, our children, and ourselves?
- How can we say *deliver us from evil* unless we put on the whole armor of God and pray against the adversary?
- How can we say *Thine is the Kingdom* unless we yield our rights to the Lordship of King Jesus?
- How can we say *Thine is the power* unless we rely on the supernatural energy of Christ?
- How can we say *Thine is the glory* unless we serve humbly without seeking praise from people around us?
- How can we say *forever* unless we keep one eye on the final judgment and rewards of eternity?

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