

## The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer Perfect

This table compares and matches the well-known Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 that Jesus taught his disciples while on earth with the outline of a similar prayer that Jesus gave to his present-day disciples, which has become known as the Prayer Perfect. For the complete text, go [here](#).

<p>Matthew 6:9 – This, then, is how you should pray:</p> <p>‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,</p> <p>[God is all holy, all loving, all merciful, He is the Father of all]</p>	<p><b>1. Recognize Our Heavenly Father's Nature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Holy – perfect in goodness and righteousness</li> <li>• All Loving – with unconditional Love</li> <li>• All Merciful – compassionate and forgiving regardless of what we may have done</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Recognize Yourself as God's Precious Child</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not viewed as sinful and depraved, but rather:</li> <li>• Greatest of His creation</li> <li>• Most wonderful of His handiworks</li> <li>• Object of God's Soul's Love and tenderest care</li> </ul>
<p>Mt 6:10 – your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>[praying for oneness with God in His kingdom and God's will throughout the universe]</p>	<p><b>3. Recognize God's Will as Being to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become at-one with Him by partaking of His Love</li> <li>• Become His true children through soul transformation into His essence</li> </ul>
<p>Mt 6:11 – Give us today our daily bread.</p> <p>[daily spiritual needs in the form of readiness to receive God's Love, faith, understanding and insights; physical needs of food, clothing, shelter, etc.]</p>	<p><b>4. Pray for Soul Readiness and for the Holy Spirit to Deliver Divine Love</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask God to open up your soul to the inflowing of His Love</li> <li>• Ask that the Holy Spirit delivers Divine Love to transform your soul into God's essence</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Pray for Faith that Will Cause You to Realize and Know that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are truly God's children and one with Him in soul substance</li> <li>• He is our Father and the bestower of every good and perfect gift</li> <li>• Only I, myself, can stop or hinder my transformation to immortality</li> <li>• God's Love is waiting for invitation from any and all</li> <li>• The Love is never withheld when sought in earnest and with faith</li> </ul>
<p>Mt 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [reconciliation with God and man through repentance and forgiveness]</p>	
<p>Mt 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [protection from evil influences and strength to overcome temptations of the flesh]</p>	<p><b>6. Pray for Help on the Journey to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain in God's Love at all times</li> <li>• Overcome temptations of the flesh</li> <li>• Resist evil influences that try to turn us to pleasures and allurements of the world</li> <li>• Keep your thoughts on God</li> </ul>

[In some Bibles:]

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**7. Thank and Praise God**

- Express gratitude for His Love and the privilege of receiving it
- Affirm God's Fatherly Love, tenderness, compassion and readiness to help
- Offer praise – all the glory, honor and love that you're capable of