

PRAYER IS HOPE



KEY VERSE

*"For Yours is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever, amen."*

We have made it to the end of the Lord's Prayer. Let's take a minute to say the entire prayer together:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever,
amen.*

It is wonderful when we learn God's Word by heart and can say Scripture aloud. I hope you can learn to say the Lord's Prayer out loud. Many people learned this prayer as a kid and have never forgotten it. You can be another kid who remembers this prayer your whole life!

While learning this prayer is good and important, you don't always have to pray this same prayer every time you talk to God. Understanding how Jesus taught us to pray helps us as we learn to speak and pray with God. God isn't worried if we don't know all the words. He isn't worried if you don't know this prayer at all. He longs most for you to simply talk to Him. He will hear all your words.

We use this prayer because it helps us to know how Jesus prayed. It helps us to understand how God works in us to do His perfect will in this world. It helps us to praise God for His goodness and power. We learn that it is good to ask God for the things we need and to say the true things about His power.

The final line in the Lord's Prayer is not actually in the Bible, but it helps us understand why all of this matters. We can boldly talk and pray to God because of our hope in His power to keep all His promises. We know that His Kingdom and power will never end. We know that He keeps every promise, which fills our lives with hope and confidence that our God is great and greatly to be praised. We trust and believe because He is exactly who He says He is.

And just like Jesus, we can remember that every time we pray, we are praying to a mighty God who answers our prayers according to His will. Praying is the best use of hope!



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