

A Prayer Text from 'A Prayer Notebook'

Introduction to the prayer:

Our Father in Heaven

Dear God, You are mine through faith in Jesus my Savior. You are my Father and I am Your son. You are in heaven and I on earth. I come to You in humility.

My Prayer words:

1A. Hallowed be Your Name

May You be set apart in my life today for who You are and what You are doing and have done in my life. I acknowledge 1B. Your attributes, that You are *endless, timeless, changeless, understandable enough to worship, solitary or undivided, supreme to govern, everywhere, all-knowing, all powerful, equally judging all, seeking my very best through withholding judgment, and giving undeserved help, and showing patience and goodness; One who is always right, bound by none, and separate from all other;* and 2B. I am thankful for Your workings in my life, and Your blessings given to me.

2A. Your kingdom come

May Your rule and reign come to pass 1B. in the lives of those who do not know You, and in my life: as I 2B. pray for more laborers to reach them, as I 3B. seek to do my own business and occupy till You come, and as I 4B. eagerly anticipate Your glorious coming.

3A. Your will be done on earth . . .

I pray that I would honestly yield to Your authority, and thus 1B. walk in submission to Your will by being sensitive, patient and enduring Your will as I know it today, seeking an attitude of meekness about Your will, praying for the determination to do it and finally acting in order to perform Your will for my life. I pray that 2B. each decision I make: those about 1C. My Mate and Family, 2C. My Church and School, 3C. My Ministry and Spiritual Gift, 4C. My House I dwell in, 5C. My Work and Vocation would all be made with Your will in mind. Help me see them as though I were looking from heaven.

4A. Give us this day our daily bread...

I now ask that You might supply the needs I have for today. But first, I know, there are the 1B. key needs for successfully living my life today: 1C. For Spirit-control of my mind, 2C. For Death to my Sinful nature, 3C. For Balance in the Redemption of My Time, and 4C. For Meditation on the Issues of Life I ought to be focusing on today. I pray for 2B. the Elements of Life: Please give me 1C. Spiritual purity, 2C. Physical self-control, 3C. Mental/Emotionally right thoughts, 4C. Social favor in time I spend with and for others, and 5C. Financial stewardship, that I would be faithful in those trusts given to me.

5A. Forgive us our debts . . .

And as I have kept short sin debts by immediate confession of sin, I reexamine my own heart for 1B. Wrong Attitudes. Lord help me to 1C. Obtain spiritual goals You expect of me, 2C. weep over sin You reveal to me, 3C. yield when I am shown sin, 4C. desire to be right in thoughts and actions, 5C. show mercy as You have shown it to me, 6C. have an undefiled conscience, 7C. love and respect others as You do, and 8C. rejoice when I am hurt or suffering for some right thing I have done. I now 2B. confess the sin You have revealed to me by 1C. agreeing with You that it was a sin, 2C. turning from it in attitude and action hereafter, and 3C. believing that You have removed this sin from me - such that it will not to bring guilt on my conscience - and that You have: 4C. forgiven me in that my relationship to You has been restored, 5C. cleansed me in that You have made me useful in Your service once again, and 6C. blessed me in that I have in truth

forsaken this sin and I now have Your joy, peace and favor restored to my life.

6A. And do not lead us into . . .

I know, O Lord, that I am prone to yield to temptation and to fail in trials that come, so I pray that I might resolve not to fail nor forsake You. I believe that You will give me 1B. the necessary grace to be victorious throughout life.

But deliver us from the evil one.

I know that 2B. I need deliverance from evil in this world, and through armor which You have supplied, I now put each piece on: 1C. the belt of Truth- I am sure the Bible is real, it is truth, 2C. the breastplate of Righteousness- I live doing right always, 3C. the shoes of the Gospel- I share with others my faith in Christ my Savior, the Prince of Peace, 4C. the shield of Faith- I act in such a way that things I do prove I wholly trust in Your Word. 5C. the helmet of Salvation- I have unwavering assurance that I am saved, 6C. the sword of the Word of God- I take the Bible and consistently memorize passages that help me fight all evil, and 7C. the bond of Prayer- I realize that I need to depend on and thus be in a continuously prayerful spirit to use this armor successfully to fight all evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, . . .

And I now confess You as the eternal Owner of All. Thank You for hearing my personal prayer.

Now I pray for others. I will also take a verse, and a song to meditate on this day.

[Use a calendar to record and remember those verses and songs chosen as well as people witnessed to, special burdens requiring through-the-day remembrance.]

Mal 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So **a book of remembrance was written** before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.

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