



# **A Transforming Prayer Given by Jesus to You and Me!**

**Matthew 6:9-15**

# Outline

**This prayer contains seven petitions.**

1. Three relating to God's Concerns and
2. Four relating to Our Needs.

Always begin your prayer by focusing on God's desires, and then focus on your own needs and confessions.



# I. Pray for God's Concerns

## 1. Addressing God

– *Our Father in heaven,*

## 2. Honoring God's Name

– *hallowed be your name*

## 3. Your Kingdom Come

– *“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*



## II. Pray for Your Concerns

### 1. Provide Us With Food

“Give us this day our daily bread.”



# II. Pray for Your Concerns

## 2. Forgive Our Sins

*And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*



## II. Pray for Your Concerns

### Two Types of Forgiveness.

1. **Decisional Forgiveness** is a personal commitment to control negative behavior, even if negative emotions continue. It promises not to act in revenge or avoidance, but it doesn't make a person feel less unforgiving.



# II. Pray for Your Concerns

## Two Types of Forgiveness.

2. **Emotional Forgiveness**, on the other hand, happens when negative emotions – resentment, hostility, and even hatred – are replaced by positive feelings. Thus forgiveness is both a short and long term process. The decision to forgive does not mean the person has erased bitter emotions, but it does mean that emotional transformation is more likely to follow.



## II. Pray for Your Concerns

### 3. Guard Our Hearts

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.*

"*Lead us not into temptation,*" do not lead us through trials that are so deep that they would tempt us to be unfaithful to you.





## II. Pray for Your Concerns

4. Rescue Us from the Evil One

*- but deliver us from the evil one.*



# This Prayer is NOT

- for those who hunger for God to rubber-stamp their selfish plans, for it begins with "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- for those who feel righteous, for it leads us to ask forgiveness.
- for the vindictive, for it bids us leave our hatred at the altar if we would be forgiven.
- for the self-made man who shuns dependence, for it teaches us to ask God for bread daily.



# This Prayer is for

**The Obedient Disciple** who would know God as he is, in his Fatherhood and glory and holiness.

