

# An examination of **The Lord's Prayer**: the prayer that, according to Matthew, Jesus prayed.

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## **My Father who art in heaven** (*The Great Mystery, who/what is everywhere in the universe*)

. . . A transient being of light and love, that is also eminent and among us, of which, in all of us resides the likeness in spirit. It is from the Father that the offer of wisdom and power is offered to us all who accepts this notion of reality.

## **Hollowed be thy name.** (*Your name is sacred*)

The name "God" is set aside for a specific purpose and is not to be used for any other reason. For the name points to a reality that is beyond space and time, or any other category of thought. The use of the word, "God" assumes a release of power and purpose, the energy of all goodness. We must not take the name in vain or use it in an empty way, for such will only dissipate its power.

## **Thy kingdom come** (*Your kingdom is here already, all around and in me*).

God's authority, guidance and wisdom are already here; they are available to us if we would just tune in.

By placing my attention on God I perceive as Divine and my Lord, and making my intention to follow Divine will (Accepting God's offer of righteousness) everything needed shall be added to me. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:33).

So, what I need is already present, but I have to do the metanoia work to tap into it. I need enough trust (faith) in myself to act on Divine urging instructions, when they come to mind.

## **Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven** (*your will is throughout the earth as it is throughout the universe, right now*).

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, for He has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted," (Isaiah 61: 1-2).

So, what is the good news? The Kingdom is come, of course; See Mark 1:14. We are call to focus our attention on the examples illustrated in the message, and form our intentions from it.

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord (Jubilee-see Leviticus), all debts are forgiven. (Again, this is from Isaiah)."

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Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (says Jesus). (Luke 4:18-21).

## **Give me this day my daily bread** *(it is you who gives me needed bread from day to day).*

Bread here indicates everything we need in the form of what “prosperity” signifies. To prosper is to flourish in all areas of our lives, and to flourish abundantly. This includes finance, career, relationships and our social well-being. We often believe that we can't accomplish something and, as a result, we don't. We only go as far as our beliefs will allow.

The implication in this line is that we can bring things into reality by attention and intention. Attention is the field of possibilities and intention is the seed you sow in that field, and then watch it grow (God's seed is Agape, our seed is agape; the field is the world).

“For I know the plans I have for you’ says the Lord, plans for good and not evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

“You are the salt of the earth” and liken them to the “light of the world” and a city set on the hill.” (Matthew 5:13-14)

Affirming thoughts, such as these, transforms us towards a Christ Consciousness. No religion has a corner on this notion.

On the other hand our thoughts of lacking are fears. These fears set up a vibration that attracts us to the very thing of which we are afraid. So, if I want daily bread I must enable the flow of agape energy, pass the good news along (Agape in Agape out; prosperity in prosperity out) or I, myself, will never be transformed.

## **And forgive me my trespasses, as I forgive those who trespass against me** *(forgive me my offenses even as I forgive my offenders).*

If I want to be free, I can no longer be plugged into negative thoughts about a situation or person. If I release them I, in turn, am empowered to start a new path in life. (The word “forgive” indicates to set free, to release or to untie.) God frees me from my offenses to the same extent that I have freed my offenders.

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**And lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil** (*It is you who minimizes my materialistic illusions to the extent that they are and you keep from making any more mistakes than I make*).

I must focus on the source of the bread, rather than the bread itself; the source is the offer of righteousness, God's agape radiation. It is then that the error is precluded. God separates us from the error of being overly material minded, rather than spiritual minded. The error, itself, is what's evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever** (*yours is the kingdom and the power, and the song, from ages to ages, sealed in faithfulness, trust and truth*).

In other words, Daddy, make possible for me, your child, the abundant way of life because you've got it all. You have what it takes to provide for me. And for this I say. . .

**Amen** (*This is the truth as I see it.*)

This means to me that if for some reason the abundance, peace, and prosperity are not there, for me, I don't understand God as Jesus did. In saying "Amen" I am acknowledging my responsibility in this faithful contract made between God and his children.

*Another thought: The Trinity doctrine could very well be a call for us to contribute to the presence of God's eminence through the Holiness in our respective Spirit. Holy describes purity so intense that it draws all that it touches into itself. Jesus was awake to that spirit. Could the Lord's prayer awaken us to that spirit to awaken our respective calls?*