



The Lord's Prayer in His Passion

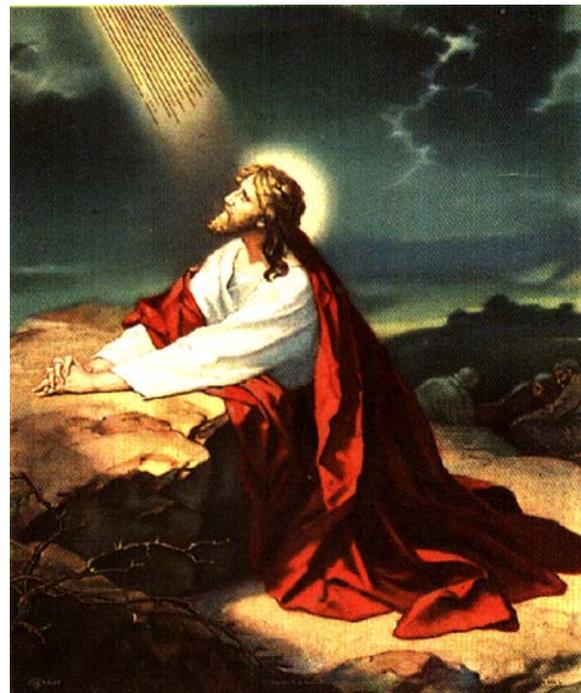
For a St. Luke's UMC Lenten Soup Luncheon

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- Invocation & Collect for the Word
- Background of Lent and of this particular theme
Lent is a time of repentance and prayer, rebirth and renewal, learning and growing in faith. Midweek services often focus on the narrative of what our Lord suffered for us. Connections to the Lord's Prayer emerged for me last year while reading a combined narrative.
- The parts of the Lord's Prayer in light of the words and deeds of our Lord's Passion
The two versions of the "model" prayer are found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. The Lord's Passion is narrated in Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, Luke 19-24, and John 12-21.
 - **Introduction:** Our Father Who art in heaven
Jesus repeatedly prays to His Father in heaven (John 17; Matthew 26:39, 42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42), Who, after His resurrection, He refers to also as our Father (John 20:17), which is a relationship the Spirit restores in Holy Baptism (Romans 8:9-17), and so we can pray our Father with all boldness and confidence.
 - **First Petition:** Hallowed be Thy Name
Jesus kept the Name holy by teaching and living according to God's Word, especially coming in the Name to save us (Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9, 10; Luke 19:38; John 12:13) and declaring the Name to us and keeping us in that Name (John 17:6, 11, 12, 26). We similarly try to teach His Word purely and lead holy lives according to it.
 - **Second Petition:** Thy kingdom come
Jesus's Kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36), but in various senses the Kingdom of Heaven/God is present in Jesus (Matthew 4:17), came on the cross (Matthew 26:64), comes to us as we repent and are baptized and feast with Him (Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20; John 3:5; Matthew 26:29), and is still to come (Revelation 11:16).
 - **Third Petition:** Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Jesus Himself prayed that His Father's will be done, submitted Himself to it, and did it (Matthew 26:39, 42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42), breaking the evil plans of the devil, the world, and our sinful natures and keeping us in the faith unto salvation (John 6:38-40).



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- Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread
Without anyone's prayer, God gives everyone everything that supports their bodies, which we pray God would lead us to realize and to thankfully receive. The greatest provision God gives us is Himself as food and drink for our body and soul's way through life (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; John 6:25-71; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).
- Fifth Petition: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
We are not worthy of the things for which we pray, but we pray God would not look at our sins. Jesus died to redeem us from our sins, and, when we repent, we are forgiven. On the cross Jesus absolved sin (Luke 23:39-43) and prayed for those crucifying Him to be forgiven (Luke 23:33-34). He teaches us to do likewise (Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-35).
- Sixth Petition: Lead us not into temptation
Jesus overcame all temptation from the devil and the world and won the victory, remaining without sin (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus suffered when He was tempted, and so He sympathizes with our weakness (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15). God does not tempt us, but with our prayer He guards and keeps us (Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:40, 46).
- Seventh Petition: Deliver us from evil
Jesus faced all the forces of evil in His Passion and was "delivered" in His Resurrection. Now He prays for us to be kept from evil in the world (John 17:15), and He rescues us not from the Evil One and from every evil and ultimately will give us a blessed end and take us from this Vale of Tears to Himself in heaven (Luke 2:29-30; 2 Timothy 4:18).
- Conclusion: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
This ascription seems to have been composed (perhaps on the basis of 1 Chronicles 29:11-13) and added by the early church, as was the Amen, for liturgical use. The kingdom comes on the cross, from where God's power is also shown in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9; 13:4) and where He is also glorified (John 12:20-36).
- Observations
The purpose of the Passion, of course, is to save us from our sins not to teach us how to pray. The Lord's Prayer (surprisingly?) has roots in the Old Testament. Jesus is a great example of living out the Prayer's petitions, but He is more than an example.
- Questions & Discussion
- Closing Prayer & Benediction