

A Guide for Prayer with Scripture References
Adapted from the Westminster Larger Catechism and based on the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven – Let us rejoice that we are children of God, that we may draw near to God as our loving Father and beseech Him on the behalf of ourselves and others, knowing that all is in absolute dependence upon His sovereign care.

1 John 3:1 – See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Ephesians 1:18 – "...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..."

Galatians 4:6 – And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 11:36 – For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Hallowed be thy name – Let us respect our Father as we call upon Him, having hearts which yearn to glorify Him in our thoughts, words, and actions.

1 Peter 1:15-16 – but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Hebrews 12:10 – ...he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Colossians 1:10a – "...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him..."

Thy kingdom come – Let us pray that through the propagation of the gospel, all God's children (both Jew and Gentile) are brought into His church. Let us pray that Christ's church is sustained in society by civil governing authorities and nurtured by His Word and Spirit through faithful officers who purely dispense the ordinances of Christ. Let us pray for the hastening of Christ's return and our reigning with Him forever in a kingdom where death, sin, and Satan are destroyed.

Romans 11:25-26 – I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved,

1 Timothy 2:1-2 – First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 – To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:10-11 – And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven – Let us pray that God's grace softens our hard hearts and makes us able and willing to know, do, and submit to His will in all things.

Psalms 119:1-3 – Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

Romans 12:1-2 – I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Give us this day our daily bread – Let us pray that God sustains our temporal needs as His Fatherly wisdom sees fit, and that we do not seek to use them unlawfully or place our dependence upon our own ingenuity in acquiring those blessings.

Philippians 4:6 – do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

James 4:3 – You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 – But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us – Let us pray for the grace of God's forgiveness, for ourselves and others, recognizing that all of us are sinners who owe a debt to God's justice we cannot pay. Only God, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, acquits us and accepts us in the Beloved. Let us pray that we are filled with God's peace and joy, knowing that He pardons our daily failings and gives us assurance of forgiveness evidenced in our willingness to forgive others.

Romans 3:19, 23 – Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24-25 – and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Psalms 51:7 – Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Matthew 18:34-35 – And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil – Let us pray that God would so overrule the sinfulness of our flesh and the power of the world and Satan that we are kept from being tempted to sin. Let us pray that when we are tempted, God powerfully enables us to stand in that time of temptation. Let us pray that when we do fall God raises us to recovery and uses our fall for our sanctification, that our salvation may be perfected. And let us pray for the day when we may be fully freed from sin and evil forever. **For God's is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

John 17:15 – I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

Psalms 51:10 – Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

1 Peter 5:8-10 – Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.