



Tool How to Pray About Stuff

Changing how we pray about stuff

Christians are not immune to worldly influences when it comes to money. But Jesus wants us to have perfect peace in all situations, even financial ones. One way to allow God to lead your heart to peace in his provision in a matter of around 10-15 minutes is to pray the prayer that Jesus prescribed to us himself. Read the Lord's Prayer below, and then pray using the breakdown that follows. Pray and meditate on the declarative statements, and then ask yourself the reflective questions and pray about what specifically comes to your mind for each question.

The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

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

Give us this day our daily bread,

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

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

Pray

"Our Father in heaven"

Pray: God, you are our Father.

- Do you trust that God is your father working for your good, regardless of if your financial situation feels good to you or not?
- Do you trust that he will provide for your needs better than any earthly father could and better than you could?

"Hallowed be your name"

Pray: Father, your praise is primary.

- In your financial decisions, are you living to establish good name for yourself among your friends, family, and the world, or are you living to exalt God's holy name among your friends, family, and the world?

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

Pray: Father, we will delight to do and seek your will.

- If we ask God, “Your kingdom come,” and delight to do what he wills in his kingdom, what implications does that have for how we use our finances?
- How can our financial goals fit with the bigger goal of doing God’s will?

“Give us this day our daily bread”

Pray: Father, meet our needs.

- Do you regularly ask God to provide for your daily needs?
- If God will provide daily bread, of what fears about your finances do you need to release control?

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”

Pray: Father, forgive us.

- Has your desire for self-sufficiency, esteem, and security in pursuit of “the good life” led you into sin?
- Do you sense fear or control governing any of your decisions, rather than the peace of Christ?

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

Pray: Father, lead us.

- Have you experienced temptations regarding how you see your possessions and wealth?
- Do you feel trapped in debt, spending habits, a mortgage, or in saving money, rather than free to trust that God will lead you well?

As we pray and seek God, we can trust that he will be a gracious, good, father to us. May we come to his throne with boldness as we seek to turn from fear and control and turn to trust in God.