

A Responsive Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,

Remind us constantly that You are our Father, our Abba, that You parent all your children, whoever, or wherever they are or come from.

Hallowed be your name.

We honour your name today. You alone are God. You alone have scooped up the ocean and measured the galaxies and continue to stretch them out further than anyone can see. You are magnificent!

No one taught you how to be God. You are God from everlasting to everlasting. Yet You never lose track of us. You know each of us by name. You care what happens to us. You are great. You are marvellous. We honour Your name today.

Your Kingdom come,

Establish peace and justice-- Let justice roll on like a might torrent. Let there be a tsunami of goodness and right!

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Use us in the power of Your Spirit to get rid of exploitation in the workplace, to free the oppressed, to cancel debts, to share our food with the hungry, to remember the homeless and the ill-clad. Let us in do Your will here and now.

Give us today our daily bread.

We thank You for giving us sustenance, life, love, and wisdom. We pray that You will disturb us into an awareness of the needs of others so that they too may have their daily bread from Your hand.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Forgive us when we are complicit in injustice and when we profit from the conditions that create poverty. Forgive us when our worship is superficial, our prayers selfish, and our beliefs serve to justify our own behaviour.

Forgive us when we are slow to seek reconciliation, when we cling to the feeling of having been wronged, when we fail to work for the redemption of people whom we do not like. Have mercy on us and give us new life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil.

Father, keep our hearts and minds open to see the good in others. When we are tempted to succumb to hatred, revenge, fear, apathy, or any evil influences; do not bring us to hard testing.

Rather, strengthen us to lean into Your love, care, and wisdom. Whatever we do strengthen us to do it to the Your glory.

For the kingdom, Just and true, The power, Gentle and fair, And the glory, Shot through with power and love, Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.