

“The Lord’s Prayer Pattern”

“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.” Matthew 6:9-13

“Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’” Luke 11:1-4

The Lord’s Prayer Pattern is the most foundational prayer ever given.

This prayer pattern contains all prayer.

It can be used both as a single prayer and a pattern for prayer.

It is the only prayer Jesus gave for us to use.

Because Jesus said His house is to be a house full of prayer, and because all prayer is in the Lord’s prayer, it is not surprising that the seven parts of the Lord’s prayer would correspond to seven rooms in the house of prayer.

1. Relationship. *Our Father in heaven.*

All true prayer begins with relationship. The first room in the house of prayer is where we receive and respond to the love of Father God.

2. Worship. *Hallowed be your name.*

All worship responds appropriately to the name of God. The second room in the house of prayer has the tallest ceiling—the name of Christ.

3. Lordship. *Your kingdom, your will be done.*

Praying the kingdom mean praying the Holy Spirit who brings the kingdom. The third room in the house of prayer is Lordship.

4. Sonship. *Give us, forgive us.*

Every child has two basic needs: food and forgiveness. In the fourth room, the middle room in the house of prayer, is where we receive food (for all our physical needs) and forgiveness (representing all our spiritual needs).

5. Fellowship. *As we forgive others.*

With the forgiveness we have received from Christ in the fourth room, we now extend that forgiveness to others in the fifth room in the house of prayer.

6. Leadership. *Lead us not but deliver us.*

God wants to defeat our two greatest enemies— the enemy of sin and Satan. In the sixth room of the house of prayer, we take hold of our victory over sin, “Lead us not into temptation”, and over Satan, “But deliver us from the evil one”.

7. Ownership. *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

In every room in the house of prayer we receive, but before we leave God’s presence, in this seventh room we give it all back to Christ. “Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”