

## BIBLE READING ON THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The following is an outline of a Bible reading, or rather series of readings, on the Lord's prayer (Matt. 6:9-13), given in *Pres. Journal*.

1. *Our Father.*—God is our father.—Isa. 63:16. He made us.—Mal. 2:10: Ps. 100:3. He keeps us alive by his power.—Acts 17:25. He sustains us.—Ps. 142:15. 16. We are his children and ought to be like our father, and to obey him.—Rom. 8:14-16; Eph. 5:1. We can ask our Father for everything we need.—Matt. 7:11. Having one Father makes all men brothers.—Mal. 2:10; Acts 17:26.

2. *Which art in Heaven.*—Heaven is God's throne.—Acts 7:48, 49. His dwelling-place.—1 Kings 8:39; Ps. 123:1; Ps. 115:3. But he is everywhere present.—Ps. 139:7-10; Jer. 23:23, 24. Yet he will dwell in our hearts if we will let him.—Isa. 57:15.

3. *Hallowed be thy name.*—His name is Jehovah.—Ps. 83:18; Isa. 42:8. It is holy.—Ps. 111:9; Ps. 145:21; Ps. 8:9. We must use it reverently.—Ps. 115:1. Not vainly or carelessly.—Exod. 20:7.

4. *Thy kingdom come.*—May his rule extend.—Ps. 110:2; Ps. 68:1. Its increase is promised.—Dan. 2:44; Rev. 11:15. His kingdom is best.—Isa. 32:1; Ps. 144:13. We should seek to belong to it.—Matt. 6:33; Luke 17:21.

5. *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*—May we do his will.—Ps. 119:35. What his will is.—Mic. 6:8. He has commanded us to keep his law.—Ps. 119:4, 5. How the angels do his will in heaven.—Ps. 103:20.

6. *Give us this day our daily bread.*—From God only comes all food.—Ps. 136:25; Ps. 145:15, 19. We should ask him to feed us.—Prov. 30:3. He has promised to provide.—Luke 12:29-31; Ps. 34:10. Christ is the Bread of Life to the soul.—John 6:35-53.

7. *And forgive us our debts.*—Sins are debts. We should ask them to be forgiven.—Ps. 25:11; Ps. 51:1-3. We must forsake them.—Isa. 55:7; Prov. 28:13. God will forgive.—1 John 1:9.

8. *As we forgive our debtors.*—We must also forgive.—Matt. 6:14, 15; Mark 11:25, 26; Eph. 4:32. Even many times.—Luke 17:4. We must love even our enemies.—Matt. 5:43, 44.

9. *And lead us not into temptation.*—

Temptations are around us.—1 Peter 5:8. They come unexpectedly.—Eccl. 9:12. God does not tempt us.—Jas. 1:14. We must watch and pray.—Matt. 26:41; Luke 22:40. Must resist temptation.—Jas. 4:7; Eph. 6:11. Keep from it.—Prov. 4:14, 15.

10. *But deliver us from evil.*—We should look to God for help.—Ps. 130:1; Ps. 19:13; Ps. 46:1. If we trust him, he will deliver us.—1 Cor. 10:13; 11 Peter 2:9. He will keep us from harm.—John 17:15.

11. *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*—God rules the world.—Ps. 103:19; Ps. 145:13. He has power to answer our prayers.—Matt. 28, 18. We must give him praise and glory.—Ps. 96:7, 8; Rev. 5:12, 13; 1 Chron. 29:11, 12.

## YOUR DUTY.

Let us measure your duty in giving. What shall be the measuring rod?

1. Your capacity. "She hath done what she could."

2. Your opportunity. "As ye have opportunity do good unto all men."

3. Your convictions. "That servant which knew his Lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

4. The necessities of others. "If a brother or sister be naked or destitute of daily food," etc.

5. The providence. "Let every man lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

6. Symmetry of character. "Abound in this grace also."

7. Your own happiness. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

8. God's glory. "Honor God with your substance."

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