

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

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 I want to be like Jesus
 So frequently in prayer;
 Alone upon the mountain top,
 He met his Father there.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—Matt. 6 : 5.
 TUESDAY—Matt. 6 : 6.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 5 : 3.
 THURSDAY—Matt. 21 : 22.
 FRIDAY—I Thes. 5 : 17.
 SATURDAY—Eph. 4 : 6.
 SABBATH—Luke 11 : 9.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



JESUS prayed much. Sometimes he would spend a whole night on the mountain praying. If Jesus needed to pray much, we need to do so more. The disciples seemed to have learned this, and one time when Jesus had finished praying, they said to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." Then it was that Jesus taught them what we call "the Lord's prayer," which we have for our lesson to day.

Let us see what this prayer means. It is divided into eight parts.

First—"Our Father which art in heaven." Let us remember that we are praying to a loving father, who made the beautiful world and everything that is in it. Second—"Hallowed be Thy name." God, Father, Holy Spirit, Christ, and Jesus, are names which we should reverence and love. Third—"Thy kingdom come." Here we pray that the kingdom of Jesus may drive out the kingdom of Satan from the world. That Jesus may be the king of every heart. Let us be sure that he is king of our hearts. Fourth—"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This means that we want God to do as he thinks best with us, not our way, but God's way is what we pray for. Fifth—"Give us this day our daily bread," means that we ask God from day to day for our food. Sixth—"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We need not expect God to forgive us, unless we forgive others, for in this prayer we do not ask any more. Let us be sure that we are willing to forgive everybody, so that we may be forgiven. Seventh—"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Here we pray that God will guide us, and keep us away from the danger of doing wrong, but if we fall into temptation because we do not allow God to guide us, we pray that he will shield us, and bring us back to himself.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What did the disciples ask Jesus to teach them?
2. What prayer did he teach them?
3. What is the Lord's prayer?
4. What is the meaning of "Hallowed be thy name?"

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh, God! teach me how to pray.