

Prayer

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Barry Long

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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 the evil one."

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

"Christians can easily fall into a parody of following Jesus rather than engage in the real thing. The contrast is like swimming in a sterile chlorinated pool verses plunging into the burgeoning life of the ocean."

Barry Long "Swimming in the Ocean."

3 Keys to Understanding the Lord's Prayer:

1. The Prayer is first about God, not us.
2. God is Father.
3. The Prayer is in the plural.

"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name."

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Isaiah 6:5 NIV

"Come your kingdom, be done your will."

"We must pray wherever we see the world in pain."

N.T. Wright

Bread, Forgiveness, and Protection.

"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

John 4:23 NIV

Weekend Music:

Here For You (Jeremy Riddle) • Faithful to the End (Brian Johnson)
The Lords Prayer (Your Kingdom Come)