

Theology of Prayer:
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Theo of Prayer Weeks 2-4

In essentials, unity. In non essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.
Probably not Augustine

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-15

Pray then like this: "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 [the evil one]. [For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever"]

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Our Father who is in Heaven:

Why "Father" instead of "Lord" or "Abba"?

If we mistake casual familiarity for true intimacy then we will lose sight of his glory, which in turn cheapens the very intimacy we are pursuing.

Our: we are addressing *our* God.

American hyper-individualism

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

What is meant by "kingdom"?

Mark 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Already — Not yet tension

Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ Basileia tou Theo

Βασιλεία τῶν Ῥωμαίων Basileia ton Romaion

Give us today our daily bread.

Provision, but this covers more than food, more than tangible needs.

And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Scriptura scripturae interpres... Eph 2:8-9?

John 8:39-44

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Colossians 3.12-13 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

James 1:13 (God does not tempt, so why pray this?)

1 Cor 10:13

1 Peter 4:12

What is meant by "temptation"?

Genesis 22 (Abraham was tested by God)

Proverbs 17:3

Psalms 66:10

Job 23:10