

**Using KJV for this classic passage:**

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

I. The Heavenly Confidence of Prayer (9a)

"Our Father which art in Heaven..."

**Our Father cares, He listens, He understands, He protects, He teaches, He answers, He gives**

II. The Holy Reverence of Prayer (9b)

"...hallowed be Thy name..."

**Because He is holy, He is worthy of: my awareness, my purposefulness, my full attention, my submission, my worship, my sacrifice, my obedience, my utmost dedication, my own pursuit of practical holiness**

III. The Humble Deference of Prayer (10)

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven."

"Thy kingdom come..." - will cost you your own personal kingdom and the right to rule your world.

"Thy will be done..." - these are some of the most exciting, yet challenging, words a believer can speak.

**\*\*\*THE FIRST THREE CLAUSES INDICATE A HEAVENLY ROOTING. THESE COME BEFORE EARTHLY REQUESTS CAN BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED.\*\*\***

IV. The Honest Dependence of Prayer (11)

"Give us this day our daily bread..."

**The deepest faith is satisfied with daily sufficiency and trusts God to do the same for tomorrow.**

**Seeking to provide for your own future can cross the line into not trusting God for tomorrow's needs.**

V. The Heartfelt Repentance of Prayer (12)

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors..." {see also verses 14 & 15}

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

**VI. The Honorable Conscience of Prayer (13a)**

**“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...”**

**VII. The Hunger for Excellence in Prayer (13b)**

**“...for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”**