



In these COVID 19 Times, we are being told not to come near to each other, but the truth is, we need each other. God knows it too, so he created a community called the church. When we pray the Lord's prayer, pay attention to the way "Our" is used. It is **Our** Father, **Our** daily bread, **Our** trespasses. This is not a time to pull back from being personally connected to people (although maybe not physically connected), but to ramp our connection up! Today we'll pray the Lord's Prayer as a **community prayer for our community**.

OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN...

READ- Luke 11:11-13 [11] What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; [12] or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- Thank God for being such an amazing Dad who loves His kids.
- Pray that Our Father God would take care of His kids and protect them
- Pray that God would comfort and calm our fear and anxiety as a Good Father does

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME...

The names of God reveal His character and that character is from forever past to forever future. It is the only constant we have when times of upheaval come. God has many different names, but during this time of COVID-19, let's focus in on the name **Yahweh-Raah, God is my Shepherd**.

READ- John 10:11-16 [11] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12] He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. [13] He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, [15] just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

- Thank God for his Holy name and that he Shepherds His People & cares for them in trouble
- Pray that God would lead us to still waters & give us rest for our souls as a good shepherd does.

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN...

The Kingdom of God is brought to life on Earth by the people of God, (the Church.) God has been preparing his people for such a time as this. The Church is people not a building, it is us and it is up to us to prove that our message has power! **Our faith in God makes a difference.**

READ- John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

- Pray for God to open our eyes to His will during this time that all should have eternal life.
- Pray that God would reveal ways for us to be Kingdom people bringing about the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that God would give us strength and courage to do the things He's called us to do and be the people he's called us to be.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

During all times of crisis, we fear that we may not have enough, that the necessities of food, money, work and peace will be in short supply. God cares about our daily needs. He wants us to have enough to live in peace and to have our needs met. He wants us to ask Him to be both our supply and our supplier.

READ- Luke 11:5-10 [5] And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, [6] for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; [7] and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? [8] I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. [9] And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [10] For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

- Thank God for the ways He has met your needs so far in this life.
- Pray that God would continue to meet your needs so that you can find peace
- Pray that God would use you to help meet the needs of those around you.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

The biggest need we have on this planet is to be forgiven. No matter how great we think we are, we all fall short. But this request for forgiveness, is not just personal, it is corporate. Forgive us OUR trespasses.

READ- 1 John 1:8-10 [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- Thank God for His endless provision of forgiveness in our lives.
- Ask forgiveness for your own sin and for the sins of our country.
- Pray for the leaders of our country to make Godly decisions during this time

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

During this time, the temptation may be strong to consider yourself as more important than anyone else. This is a time for the people of God to rise up as models of self-sacrificial love.

READ- Philippians 2:1-4 [1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Thank God for always providing a way out of temptation
- Pray that God would open our eyes to opportunities for self-sacrificial love.
- Pray that the work of the church would be a beacon of hope during these difficult times.