

## **LORD'S PRAYER WITH EXPLANATION FROM THE SUNDAY SERVICE**

**All: Our Father in heaven,**

L: Our Father, God of all love and power, hear us, your children in Christ Jesus.

**All: hallowed be your name,**

L: We carry your holy name. Let us not disgrace it by false teaching and ungodly living, but honor it by clinging to your pure Word and leading a life that glorifies you.

**All: your kingdom come,**

L: Give us a deep concern for souls. Send out your saving truth. By your Word and Spirit, work faith in the hearts of people. So let your kingdom come to many, as it has come to us. And may it not be long until we see you in your unveiled splendor.

**All: your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

L: It is your will, because you seek our happiness, that we live close to you. Father, your will be done! Let no one and nothing separate us from you—without you there is no living! Help us to continually do your will, obeying you as gladly as the angels do in heaven. When you send us sickness, pain, or sorrow, help us to submit ourselves to your will, knowing that you are only trying to draw us still closer to you and your love.

**All: Give us today our daily bread.**

L: Give us each day the things we need for this life. When you give us much, may we be humble and generous. When you give us little, keep us from envy and worry. For everything, whether it is much or little, make us thankful.

**All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

L: They are “our sins”—we are guilty over and over. And yet they are no longer ours, for you laid them all on your holy Son. For his sake, Father, forgive us whatever is wrong in our lives. Then, moved by your redeeming love for us, make us loving and forgiving toward all people.

**All: Lead us not into temptation,**

L: When the devil and the forces of evil that are in and around us tempt us to sin, give us the strength to stand firm, to say, “no.” Father, when you test us in the fires of affliction, keep reminding us that such trials are sent only “if need be;” that you want our faith to flow from the furnace like purified gold.

**All: but deliver us from evil.**

L: Protect us in soul and body. Keep us from sin and error. Give us grace to carry our crosses without murmuring. Speak peace to our hearts. At last, our Father, for the sake of him who died for us and rose again, grant us a blessed end—an end which is the beginning of glory without end.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

L: You are our King. To you alone we come in prayer. You alone can do more than we ask or even imagine. You alone shall have the praise forever.