

# Pray like this...

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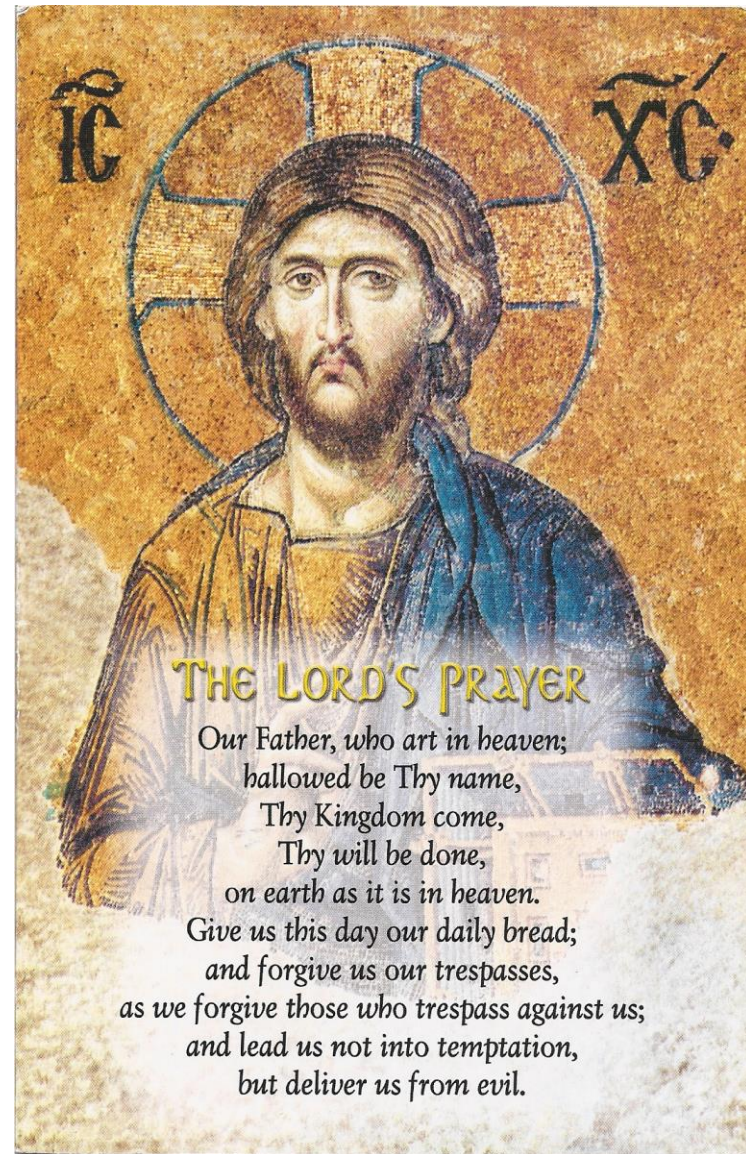
## *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

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**Heavenly King,**  
Advocate, Spirit of Truth,  
Who are everywhere present and fill all things,  
Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life,  
Come, and dwell within us;  
Cleanse us of all that defiles us,  
And, O Good One, save our souls.

# The Lord's Prayer

- ❑ Model and foundation for all prayer
- ❑ Summary of the Gospel (Tertullian)
- ❑ Structure: Opening and 7 petitions
- ❑ All other prayers are simply “commentary”





# Our Father

- ❑ “Abba” in Aramaic – an affectionate word for Father
- ❑ We can call God, “Our Father” – adopted as His children in Baptism
- ❑ “Father” used 17 times in the Sermon on the Mount; 275 times in the NT
- ❑ Puts us in the right relationship as we begin to pray
- ❑ *Am I an adult (big man) or am I a child before God? How am I speaking to God?*
- ❑ Problems with “Father” image

# Who Art in Heaven



- ❑ **Three Heavens** – the air (atmosphere); the universe; the invisible world (throne of God)
- ❑ **Fourth heaven?**– Yes... Where is it?
- ❑ We call out to God, Father, and he immediately hears us
- ❑ Also refers to His majesty as **King**; God is Lord and King
- ❑ Tension between intimacy and awe in our thinking about God; both are important
- ❑ Prayer is communication; essential for relationship and communion









☐ Lev 10:3; 19:2

☐ God's Holiness =  
His absolute  
perfection; it  
permeates all His  
attributes

☐ We confess that  
**God alone is holy**

☐ We ask that God  
to pour out his  
holiness..

☐ We pray that all  
acknowledge Him  
and glorify His  
Name

Hallowed be Thy Name





# Thy Kingdom come

- ☐ *What is the Kingdom of God?*
- ☐ Is it here?
- ☐ **What are we praying for?**
- ☐ May God reign as King in our heart
- ☐ May God rule as King over the hearts of all!



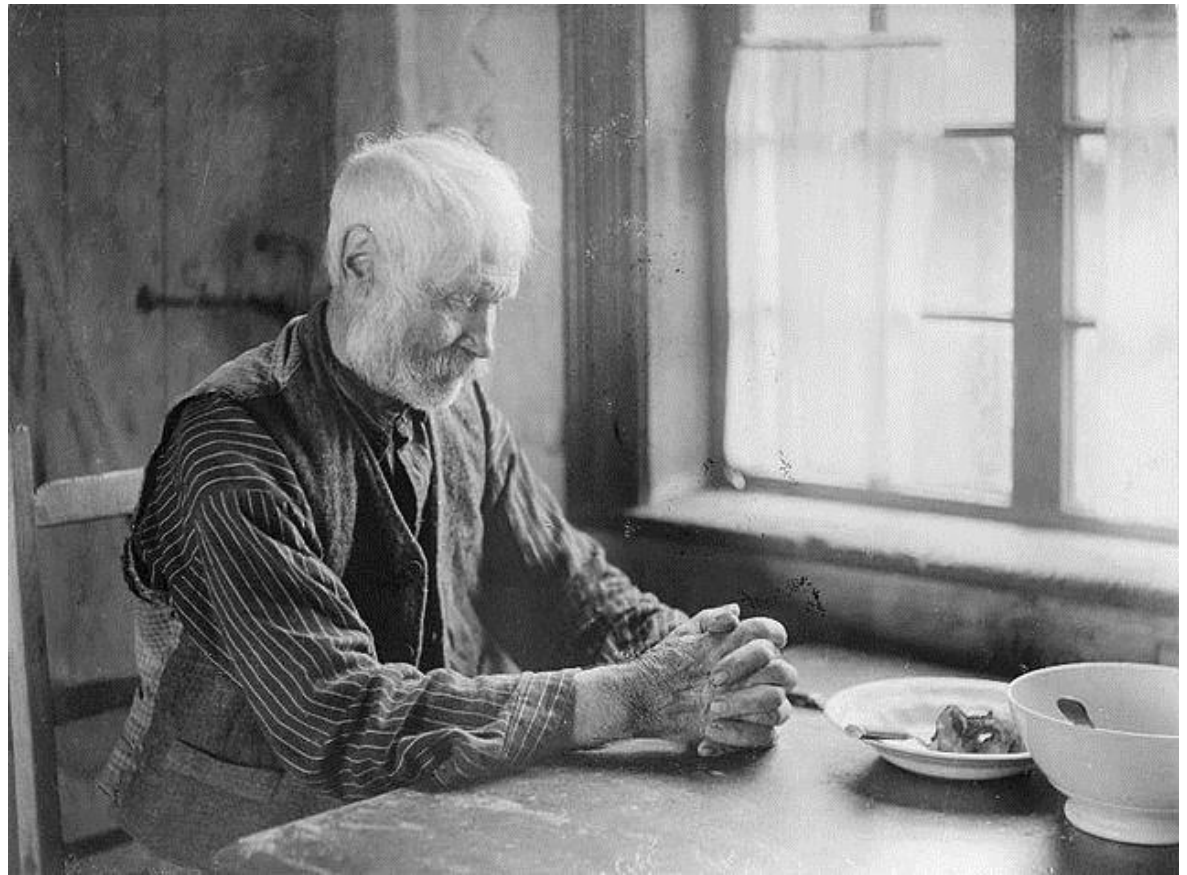
# Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

- ❑ *Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane*
- ❑ Prayer – not about changing God's mind, but our mind and heart
- ❑ May God's will be done in my life, family, business, relationships, and in the world



# Give us this day, our *daily* bread

- ❑ Daily – misleading; Greek word, epiousios – “above the essence, “superstantial”
- ❑ Give me today what I need for tomorrow
- ❑ **A prayer for the necessities of life (essential)**
- ❑ The Most Holy Eucharist





# And forgive us our trespasses...

- ❑ **Petition for forgiveness – depends upon my willingness to forgive**
- ❑ **Debts (Mt); Trespasses (Lk)**
- ❑ Forgiveness is a process; it takes time
- ❑ Need to struggle with forgiveness



# And lead us not into temptation

- ❑ “Keep us from temptation”
- ❑ God has the power to lead us past the lures of temptation
- ❑ *Jesus has overcome all temptations in the wilderness...*



# But deliver us from evil (the evil one)

- ❑ Evil is real
- ❑ Recognize our weakness in the face of evil, need God's power
- ❑ Also praying for God's deliverance in the final days (Rev 20:10)

