

Our Father

A Bible study on the prayer Jesus taught us

Write your own ending to the Lord's Prayer

Practice praying this prayer thoughtfully



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

What does this mean?

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."

Why can we be confident

Read these four passages at your table and give a one sentence summary of what each one says. Share with your table mates which passage encourages you the most in your prayer life.

Matthew 7:7-8

John 14:13-14

Ephesians 3:20-21

Romans 8:32

Where did these words come from?

If you have a Bible app on your phone, compare Matthew 6:13 in King James Version with the New International Version. Share what you find with your table mates.

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While this ending to the Lord's Prayer shows up in some copies of the Greek New Testament starting in the 300's AD, more do not have them.

Compare 1 Chronicles 29:11 and Revelation 5:12 for examples of believers who praise Jesus in their prayers.

Why would words of praise like this be a fitting way to end any prayer to Jesus?

Write your own ending of praise for the Lord's Prayer. Keep it under 20 words. We'll compare.

Why use Amen?

Amen is the Hebrew word for "truth." Believers have used this word in worship and prayer since at least the 500's BC (cf. Nehemiah 8:6)

Pray thoughtfully

Next to each petition, write a specific request you'd like to ask the Father for as we pray this at close.

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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

Lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.