

The Lord's Prayer (pt.2) - Luke 11:1

1. ***“Give us day by day our daily bread...”***
 - It is perfectly acceptable to pray for physical blessings, particularly daily necessities
 - We must always thank God for the physical blessings He gives us (health, financial, weather)
2. ***“And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us...”***
 - Jesus alludes to the future? (see *Thy Kingdom come*)
 - We must ask God for forgiveness when we sin; emphasizes recognition of wrong and repentance
 - We must show mercy to others
3. ***“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”***
 - God allows us to be tempted, also makes a way of escape
 - We must pray that God will help us when tempted

The Lord's Prayer

- 1. The first three elements help us to pray to God with a proper mind: identifying the holiness of God, welcoming God's rule in our life (in the Church and in Judgment), and submitting to God's will in all things, no matter what His answer is to our prayers. These three characteristics of prayer are keys to praying properly and submissively to God.**
- 2. The final three elements help us to incorporate the proper content into our prayers: Requests (and thanksgivings) for physical blessings, seeking forgiveness with a penitent heart, and seeking out God's help in avoiding temptation will all help to produce righteous prayers as we approach the throne of God.**

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- 1. Does the words of the “Lord's Prayer” contain some magical power? NO**
- 2. Does it have the power to save a soul on its own? NO**
- 3. Is it applicable to say today? YES**
- 4. Must the EXACT words be said? NO**

The principles in content that Jesus establishes in the prayer are what is important when combined with the proper mind and heart.