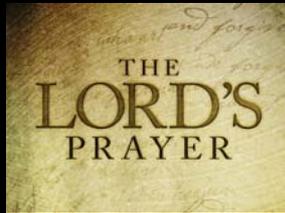


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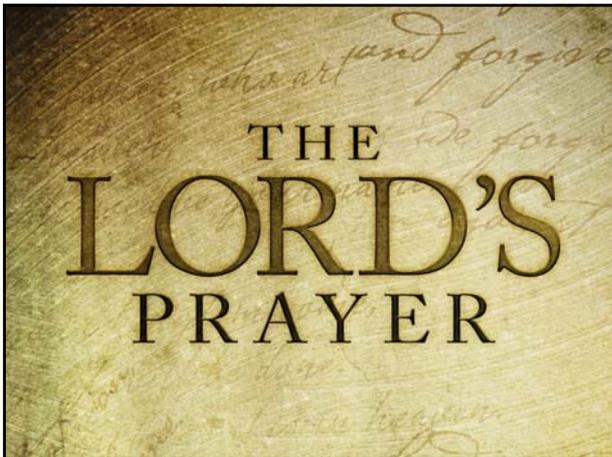
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The Lord's Prayer  
Stations of the Cross



Opening Prayer



### The Lord's Prayer ("Our Father")

- A perfect model of prayer given to us by Jesus
- 2 Versions
  - Long version (Matthew 6:9-13)
  - Short version (Luke 11:2-4)

#### Matthew 6:7-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then in this way: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.**"



### The Lord's Prayer

- A prayer for the human condition
- A radical prayer
- A prayer to be shared
- A prayer template
- A prayer that gives us the courage to pray.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



## The Lord's Prayer

### ■ Our Father

- *Abba* in Aramaic, meaning "daddy"
- Express a closeness to God. We approach him as a child approaches a loving Father.
- He is "*Our Father*", a declaration of kinship among believers so we pray with others and *for* others.



## The Lord's Prayer

### ■ Who art in heaven

- Heaven is not a place "out there"
- It is a place where love and peace hold sway – we hold little heavens in our hearts
- "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:38-39



## The Lord's Prayer

### ■ Hallowed Be Thy Name

- In the Bible, the name of something defines the essential nature of that thing
- *Hallowed* means "holy", "wholesome", "healed"
- God is complete, holy and perfect and we are moved to recognise His holiness

### ■ Thy Kingdom Come

- God's kingdom is a kingdom ruled by justice and love
- We each need to play our part in building God's Kingdom
- We each need to find God's calling for us



## The Lord's Prayer

### ■ Thy Will Be Done On Earth As In Heaven

- We are given a free will that cannot be coerced
- "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:9
- We submit our will to doing God's will
- Examples
  - "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." – Luke 1:38
  - "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." – Matthew 26:39



## The Lord's Prayer

### ■ Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

- We pray for the daily necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter, and so on
- We are also praying for others to receive their daily necessities
- We need to answer the call if God chooses us to provide for others.
- Shows trust that God will provide for us.



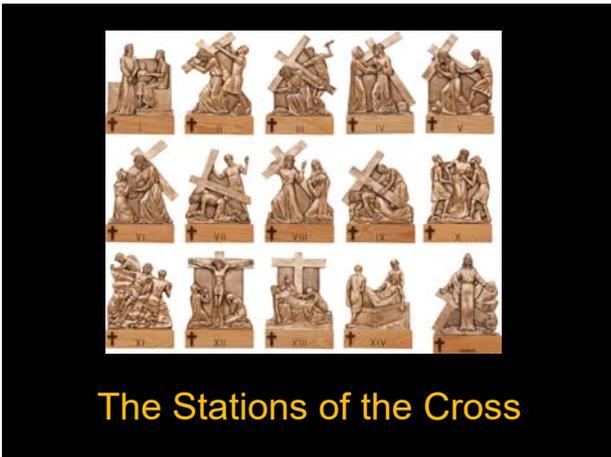
## The Lord's Prayer

- Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us
  - To *trespass* means to infringing the rights and dignity of another, to injure someone or do someone an injustice
  - "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
    - Matthew 6:14-15
  - Forgiveness is the key to free us from the bondage of guilt, shame and revenge. To admit our need for forgiveness frees us from arrogance.



## The Lord's Prayer

- Lead Us Not Into Temptation
  - CCC 2846: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one."
  - The original Greek phrase means
    - Do not allow us to enter into temptation
    - Do not let us yield to temptation
  - So that we are not put in a position to inflict injuries onto others
- Deliver Us From Evil
  - We ask for protection, so as not have injuries inflicted upon us
- Amen.
  - Let it be so



## Stations of the Cross

- The depiction of the Passion (final hours) of Jesus
- A powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us
- Involves senses, experience and emotions
- The celebration of the Stations of the Cross is especially common on the Fridays of Lent, especially Good Friday.



## Stations of the Cross - History

- Early day pilgrims came to Jerusalem, and were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. Following in the footsteps of the Lord, along the way of the cross, became a part of the pilgrimage visit.
- In medieval Europe, wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. Reenacted with paintings of the "stations".



## Stations of the Cross

- 14 stations
- Versions:
  - Traditional: Stations 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 are not based on the Gospel
  - Scriptural Way of the Cross: inaugurated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991
  - Mary's version



### Stations of the Cross

- For each station
  - Description of the scene
  - Prayer at each station:  
“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world”  
(we usually kneel at this point)
  - Contemplation of the scene



### Traditional Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up His cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his sorrowful mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time



### Traditional Stations of the Cross

8. Jesus meets the holy women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb



### Scriptural Stations of the Cross

1. The Garden of Gethsemane
2. Jesus is betrayed by Judas
3. The Sanhedrin
4. Jesus is Denied by Peter
5. Jesus Before Pilate
6. The Scourging and The Crowning with Thorns
7. The Receiving of The Cross



### Scriptural Stations of the Cross

8. Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus
9. The Women of Jerusalem
10. Jesus Crucified
11. The Good Thief
12. Mary and John Below The Cross
13. The Death of Jesus
14. The Laying in The Tomb



I



Jesus Is Condemned To Death

II



Jesus Carries His Cross

III



Jesus Falls The First Time

IV



Jesus Meets His Mother

V



Jesus Is Helped By Simon

VI



Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus

VII



Jesus Falls The Second Time

VIII



Jesus Meets The Women Of Jerusalem

IX



Jesus Falls The Third Time

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Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments

XI



Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross

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Jesus Dies On The Cross

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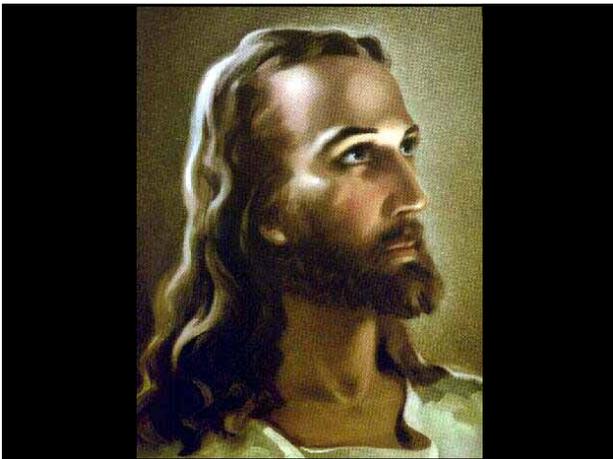


Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross

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Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb



Tea Break

### Discussion

- Reflect on the Lord's Prayer phrase by phrase. Does any phrase resonate particularly with you?
- Reflect on each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. Does any station mean something special to you?

### Recap

- The Lord's Prayer
  - A perfect model of prayer given to us by Jesus
- The Stations of the Cross
  - Depicts the Passion of Christ
  - Common celebrated on the Fridays of Lent



Q&A




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Scrutinies Rehearsal

JESUS WE ENTHRONE YOU

Jesus, we enthrone You  
 We proclaim You are King  
 Standing here, in the midst of us  
 We raise You up with our praise



And as we worship, build Your throne  
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 And as we worship, build Your throne  
 Come Lord Jesus, and take Your place

