

“The Lord’s Prayer” – Matthew 6.9-13 (Luke 11.2-4)
Actually the Disciples’ Prayer

The Father

Compare to first three of 10 Commandments; so prayer begins with God
It is an unspeakable privilege to approach God in prayer – Eph. 3.12; Heb. 4.16
The Lord directed all prayer to the Father, not Himself (here and verse 6; also Eph. 5.20)

The Kingdom

The foremost thing on the Father’s mind?
And the Son
 John the Baptizer first – Matthew 3.2
 Then the Lord – Matthew 4.17
It has come:
 Mark 9.1; Colossians 1.13
So we pray, not for its coming, but for it; and for the Lord’s coming to receive it to Himself.
 It is an everlasting kingdom – 2 Peter 1.11
 And we pray for the Lord’s coming to translate us into glory – 2 Peter 3.12-14
 When we will be made like Him – 1 John 3.2-3
Only those in it have this privilege of calling God “Father” – Rom. 8.15; Gal. 4.6
 This is where we pray for fellow saints -
 Progress of the church – Ephesians 6.18

The Will (His Desires)

The foremost thing on the Son’s mind – John 5.30; Luke 22.42 “Not My will...”
And ours, if we are His – Matt. 7.21
Best for all, ourselves and others as well
 For leaders – 1 Tim. 2.2
 For all men – 1 Tim. 2.1 & 4
 One of the reasons for delay in coming – 2 Peter 3.9

Daily Bread (Our Earthly Needs)

Simple request – 1 Timothy 6.8
Not hogging things for a future that may not come – Matt. 6.19
Exposes our complete dependence upon the Father
An expression of deep faith

Forgiveness of sins (Our Spiritual Need)

The foremost thing on our minds?
 Acts 2.37
 Addressed to Him who alone can forgive sins – Mark 2.7, 10;
No prayer complete without this
Conditioned on our forgiving others

Deliver from Temptation and the Evil One (or Evil)

Should be second thing on our minds
The Lord cautioned disciples to do so
Who are we to think we can make it without this?