

PRAYER

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Prayer is communion with God—drawing near to God, in the name of Christ, to seek God’s face and ask for things agreeable to his will.

Christian prayer is Trinitarian:
to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit.



Empowered by
the Spirit

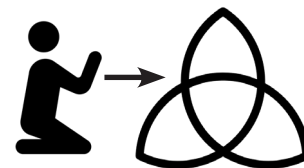


In Christ’s name/
through his mediation



To God
the Father

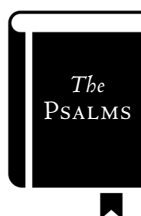
Prayer may also be directed to
any person of the Trinity.



E.g., “Father, provide our needs.”
“Jesus, help us to follow you.”
“Holy Spirit, fill us with your fruit.”



Pray with an open Bible. Respond to what God says to you through his Word. The whole Bible is a rule of prayer.



Read or sing at least one psalm every day. The Psalms are the Church’s Prayer Book. Most traditional prayer books go through the Psalter every month.



Say the Lord’s Prayer at least every morning and evening, and shape all your prayers by what it reveals about the prayer priorities of Jesus.

PETITION

EXPANSION

Preface: Our Father, who is in heaven.

O God, we turn our hearts toward you with reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us.

Petitions 1–3: For God’s Glory and Kingdom

First Petition: Hallowed be your name

We pray that you would be truly known, honored, and praised by all your creatures, and that you would order all things to your glory.

Second Petition: Your kingdom come.

We pray that Satan’s kingdom would be destroyed, the kingdom of grace advanced—ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it—and the kingdom of glory hastened.

Third Petition: Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

By your grace, make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as do the angels in heaven.

Petitions 4–6: For Our Needs and Holiness

Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread.

By your free gift, give us all things needed for our souls and bodies—not only the food that perishes, but also your Word and grace, the food that endures to everlasting life.

Fifth Petition: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Because of Christ’s blood, freely pardon all our sins, just as we are fully determined to forgive our neighbors from the heart as evidence of your grace within us.

Sixth Petition: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Keep us from being tempted or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Conclusion: For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

We worship you and take our confidence from you alone when making these requests. And in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”