Explore the Lord’s Prayer in Questions

Each line of the prayer raises certain questions about God and what we are really praying for.

**Our Father**

How do you address God? What images of God do you most easily connect with? Father? Shepherd? King?

**Who art in Heaven**

What is God’s position in the universe? Does God reside primarily in Heaven?

**Hallowed be thy name**

How do you define holiness? How do you express God’s holiness?

**Thy kingdom come**

What does the Kingdom of God look like? How does God’s kingdom come to earth?

**Thy will be done**

What would it mean to want what God wants? What does God what you to do?

**On earth as it is in Heaven**

How can you make earth more heaven-like? What is Heaven like?

**Give us this day our daily bread**

Do you really trust God to give you what you need?

**And forgive us our trespasses**

What do you need forgiveness for?

**As we forgive those who trespass against us**

Why is it so hard to forgive?

**And lead us not into temptation**

Is it wrong to be tempted?

**But deliver us from evil**

Do you believe there is evil in each of us? How are you delivered from something that is within you?

**For thine is the Kingdom**

What does it mean for God to be ruler over everything? How does that affect the way you pray?

**And the power and the glory, forever and ever**

Do you believe God is all-powerful? What does it mean to give God glory?