

The Prayer of Discipleship

The Lord's Prayer, because it is a summary of the gospel, is 'the' prayer of the disciples of Jesus. This worksheet provides a reflection on the Lord's Prayer to help you explore further the meaning of the Lord's Prayer for your life as a disciple of Jesus.

Our Father

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Reader 1: We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not worshipped you and made your name holy, when we have been caught up in the desire to have more.

All: We pray that we may be open to hearing your voice and inspired to work for economic justice.

All: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader 2: We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not promoted the full dignity of men and women.

All: We pray in hope that discrimination and prejudice will give way to welcoming all people to your banquet.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

Reader 3: We ask forgiveness for the times we have not shared our resources with others.

All: We pray that we may be generous with both our possessions and our gifts and live lives of solidarity with others.

All: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Reader 4: We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been in right relationship with others.

All: We pray that your Spirit of reconciliation may be made real within us.

All: And lead us not into temptation.

Reader 5: We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not believed that our actions could make a difference.

All: We pray that we may work for the common good, knowing that you are with us always.

All: But deliver us from evil.

Reader 6: We ask forgiveness for the times we have dismissed the sin of environmental injustice.

All: We pray that we may have the courage and conviction to act now to prevent further destruction to your beautiful planet.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Reader 7: We ask forgiveness for the times we have prevented others from flourishing, from reaching their full potential.

All: We pray for a childlike spirit, open to the wonder of creation and the diversity of peoples, since the glory of God is the whole of creation and the whole of humanity, fully alive. Amen.

Working in pairs, discuss this reflection on the Lord's Prayer.

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Does this reflection give you new insights into the Lord's Prayer? Explain.

Is the Lord's Prayer helpful in guiding you to live as a disciple of Jesus? Which petition or petitions do you find most helpful?
