

Responsive Pastoral Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven:

remind us this day

**that you are not only creation's Architect,
but you are the Babe who cried for food,
the teenager who knew loneliness,
the adult who felt the rejection of loved ones.**

Hallowed by Thy name:

**yours is the name spun by the stars;
yours is the name whispered by the dying;
yours is the name written on our hearts.**

Thy Kingdom come:

**may it be a kingdom of peace, not prejudice;

may it be a kingdom of sharing, not grasping;
may it be a kingdom of hope, not hurting.**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

**may your Word be more than print on a page;
may your justice be more than a wish in our
hearts;
may your will become our deepest desire.**

Give us this day our daily bread:
**let us taste it in the kisses of loved ones;
let it fill us in the empty moments of our lives;
let it slip out of our hands to mend the brokenness
of our world.**

And forgive us our debts as we forgive others:
**may those who have hurt us find a welcome in our
hearts,
even as we have found our home in yours.**

And lead us not into temptation:
**turn our hearts from the seductions of our world;
and the simple pleasures that turn us from you.
Keep us from thinking we are so important
that we ignore those around us.
Help us to always bring others to you in prayer,
before we bring ourselves,
as we do in these moments:**

*Lord, we bring to you all the prayer requests
mentioned this morning, as well as those unspoken
requests we carry in our hearts.*

But deliver us from evil:
not just great evils of war and hunger,

**but from ingratitude, self-love, pride,
all those little evils that do such great harm.**

For thine is the kingdom:
**our heart's true longing;
and the power:
which you set aside to serve us in weakness;**

and the glory:
**which we would mirror in our lives,
our bodies, our minds, our souls,
this day and every day.**

Forever and ever.

Amen

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