

Abundant Life Prayer Guide

OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN

God is not a spirit in the sky who doesn't know you. When you were created, He made you to be His Child. When you were saved, He became your Father. When we say "Our Father", we are identifying ourselves as His children.

"Heavenly Father, I come to you knowing who I am - a child of the Most High God! Thank you for the ability to believe in your Son which engrafts me into your family." (Galatians 3:26)

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Hallowed means holy. When we say God's name is holy, we are saying that we honor and revere God because we recognize His sovereignty. God's Names show us who, and what, He is for us every day. When we believe Him for these blessings, and thank Him for them, we experience the true nature of God in our life.

"God you are holy! Your name is the name above every other name! You are the all in all magnificent creator! I thank you for being: (Philippians 2:9-11)

NAME

"My Jehovah - Tsidkenu"
"My Jehovah - M'Kadesh"
"My Jehovah - Shalom"
"My Jehovah - Shammah"
"My Jehovah - Rophe"
"My Jehovah - Jireh"
"My Jehovah - Nissi"
"My Jehovah - Rohi"

MEANING

*God of My Righteousness
God Who sanctifies me
God Who gives me peace
God Who is always there when I need Him
God Who heals me
God Who provides all my needs
God Who is my victory and protection
God Who is my Shepard and guide*

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

It is written that if we remain with God, and we ask, it will be given to us. It is written that as we seek first God's Kingdom and Righteousness, our needs will be met. We declare God's promise over the work of our hands! (Ask, be specific and be determined. Dare to trust God!)

"Father your word says that you will give me everything I need today. You are faithful, trustworthy and you care for your family. I declare your Word over my life today. You will give me all I need to be successful in this day." (Matthew 6:26-33)

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS

Forgiveness is the gateway to freedom. God would not ask us to do something that is impossible. First, we ask God to forgive us because we have sinned against Him and we owe Him everything. Next, we ask God to help us to release and forgive others. Finally, we make the choice to walk in the spirit everyday.

"Father I pray that you forgive me for every sin known and unknown that I have committed against you. Wash me clean today by the blood of Jesus. I pray that you guide me in forgiving others and releasing them- knowing that this is your will for me. I choose forgiveness as I walk in your Spirit." (Matthew 6:12, Galatians 5:16)

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Praying, "Lead us not into temptation," is like praying, "God, don't take me down the candy aisle today." It's recognizing that we naturally grasp for unprofitable things and that God's wisdom can avert the unpleasantness of our bellyaching. Whether we are asking for God to lead us away from sin or from difficult trials, our goal is found in the second part of verse 13: "Deliver us from the evil one." A petition similar to this is offered by David in Psalm 141:4: "Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies." In all things, God is our deliverer, and we are wise to seek His power over sin.

"Father I pray that you guide my steps today as I walk in obedience to your word. I pray that you keep me far from temptation. I pray that you strengthen me and help me to choose to serve you knowing that you know what's best for me. I pray that you guide me in resisting temptation because your word says as I resist - the devil will flee from me." (James 4:7)

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We actively choose to put on the full armor of God in order that we may stand firm in His truth and guard against the temptations and trials of our flesh. Each piece of armor plays a role in the full protection our loving Father has provided for us to stand strong against our enemies! We acknowledge this full protection when we put on our spiritual armor!

"Today I choose to put on the: (Ephesians 6:10-18)

ARMOR

"Belt of Truth"
"Breastplate of Righteousness"
"Shoes of Peace"
"Shield of Faith"
"Helmet of Salvation"
"Sword of the Spirit"

MEANING

*Protects me from the lies of the enemy
I am in right standing with God
I take dominion wherever I go
I trust in God who is my source
I keep my mind fixed on Jesus
God's Word is my weapon for this war*

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

We declare, with the authority of the Kingdom of God, that the will of God will reign in our life today. We declare this in the Name and by the Blood of Jesus for ourselves, our families, our Pastors, the Leadership, Our City, Our State and Our Nation.

"Father I pray that your will comes to pass on earth today. Guide me in partnering with you in this work. Show me the ways in which you would use me to further your Kingdom and help me to submit myself completely to your will. Not my will today, but yours alone." (Matthew 7:21, Romans 12:2)

THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND POWER, AND GLORY FOREVER

By declaring that the kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to God, we are proclaiming specifically that God is the creator of all things. We recognize that God is sovereign and rules over all things, and that nothing can happen without God's knowledge. We attribute all glory and honor to God alone. This is no small thing, since, as people, we often want to be the ones who create, who hold power, and who receive the glory, the accolades, the praise.

We praise God by actively naming that the very things we often desire rightly belong to God alone. We also acknowledge that God holds the power to do everything we just prayed about in the preceding lines of the Lord's Prayer: bring God's kingdom to earth, provide for our daily needs, forgive our sins, and deliver us from evil. Why do we need to raise these things with God? Because God is able to answer prayers and to do in the world what we cannot!

"Father I praise you for you are the alpha and the omega. You are my beginning and end. Without you, I would not have breath in my lungs. I owe everything I am to you and I give you alone all the glory! You are the all powerful, all knowing, God of all creation. Thank you for everything that you have done for me already, and for everything that you will do for me in the future. Amen!" (Isaiah 46:9-10, Jeremiah 32:17, Romans 11:36)