



Although it can be helpful to say this prayer ourselves using the same words, it is good to use the prayer as a pattern by following the same order of thoughts in our own prayers. It is important to remember God's great power and praise Him in our prayers. We should not provide God with a list of things we want Him to do for us! We must forgive others who may upset us, if we want God to forgive us our sins.

It is helpful to pause when saying "*and forgive us our debts (or sins)*" and recall the wrong things that we have done that day and the wrong thoughts that have come into our minds. Believers will then want to plead with God for His forgiveness and for help that they do not do the same thing again. Note that this is a daily prayer and so believers will regularly include these thoughts.

Which Master do we serve? (6:19-24)

Some people think that life will be easy if they have money, and they try (sometimes dishonestly) to get as much as they can. We should not trust in money but in God. He should be our Master. Jesus reassures us of God's care and concern for those who trust Him. Even when life is difficult the message is, "Do not worry: God looks after those who trust in Him". God requires us to be completely devoted to Him, above all other loyalties.

Why Christians Should Not Worry (6:25-34)

- Being anxious achieves nothing useful (6:25-29).
- God knows what we need in life and what is best for our spiritual development (6:30-33). If God cares for the birds he can care for us but we must be prepared to work for our food and clothing.
- Worrying can result from a lack of faith. When we worry we show others that we think we have to solve our own problems without consulting God and trusting Him. Worrying does not help solve our problems. The lilies grow without labour or toil yet they display the great beauty of the God's creative hand. The toils of this life will not bring us closer to God. We should witness to the beauty of God's plan for mankind by living a quiet, peaceable Christian life and feed on the Word of God.
- God wants believers to come to Him in prayer:
"Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:5-7)
- To secure God's blessings we need to seek His kingdom above all else, and to be righteous like Him:
"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matt. 6:33)
- The Lord Jesus gave us a practical lesson in how to cope with stress. When he was facing crucifixion, with all its pain and shame, he thought about others (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:26,27) and he sought to do the will of His Father.



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Answers to most questions can be found in the lessons or Bible passages given. Please write your answers on this question paper and return them in the envelope provided:

Questions on Chapter 4

- 1 What is the Holy Spirit?

- 2a Where was Jesus when the temptations took place?

- 2b Where was the temple?

- 2c Did Jesus actually go to the temple?

- 2d Is there a high mountain from which all the kingdoms of the world can be seen?

- 2e Is the devil or satan a supernatural being? (Lessons 29 and 30 of the 40 Lesson course may help you.)

- 3 Read James 1:13-15. What happens when a person is tempted?

Questions on Chapter 5

Look at verses 3-12:

- 1 What sort of people will receive mercy from God?

- 2 Who will be called "sons of God"?
- 3 What do you think is meant by "*pure in heart*"?
- 4 Will the wicked burn for ever in hell fire?
- 5 What should you do if someone insults you?
- 6 What is the teaching of Jesus on divorce?

Questions on Chapter 6

- 1 What is the reward of the hypocrites (verses 1-4)
- 2 What is the reward of the righteous?
- 3 How often do you think believers should pray?
- 4 In your own words say what we should pray about.
- 5 Where will God's Kingdom be?
- 6 If believers want God to forgive them then what must they do?
- 7 What is the message of verses 19-21?