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Your kingdom come

Luke 11.1-13

Jesus' friends ask him how they should pray. He gives them an example, what we know now as 'The Lord's Prayer'. He also tells them that they need to keep on praying every day.

Now read **Luke 11.1-13** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

Did you know that this is the only prayer that we know about, that Jesus taught his disciples? But we do know that Jesus spent a long time praying to God, and that he often went somewhere quiet to be alone to pray, even when crowds of people were looking for him.



LISTEN

Find a sung version of the Lord's Prayer. Listen to it or quietly sing along, paying careful attention to the words. Think about how each phrase or sentence might make a difference to the way you act. Or, to put it another way, what are you praying for?

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 H B S E A R C H K
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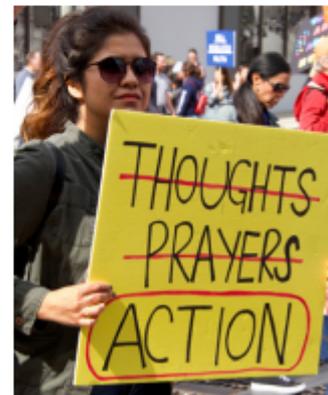
When you have found all the words below, you will have 14 spare letters. Arrange these to make a phrase that describes this prayer.

OUR, FATHER, HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE, YOUR NAME, KINGDOM, COME, WILL, EARTH TODAY, DAILY, BREAD, FORGIVE, SINS, NOT, TEMPTATION DELIVER, EVIL, POWER, GLORY.

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Take a slice of bread or a bread roll. Share it with someone in your household and, as you eat it slowly, think about how much food you actually need to eat that day. The prayer speaks of 'our' daily bread – plural. Is that about sharing too? Can you spare some items of food to take to a local food bank or similar scheme?



What goes through your mind when you pray 'your kingdom come'?



As you start the summer holidays, could you spare a little time each day to say the Lord's Prayer? Say it slowly; pause at the end of each phrase. And, each day, choose a different phrase or sentence from the prayer and think of some actions you could put with it – e.g. for 'hallowed by your name', raise your hands high as if holding up the name of God for all to see. At the end of the week, say the whole prayer using all the actions you have devised.

Pray

The Lord's Prayer is used by Christians all over the world. It brings Christian people together. On the Mount of Olives, in Jerusalem, the Church of Pater Noster has the Lord's Prayer displayed in over a hundred different languages and dialects. How many different versions of the prayer can you find? Look in different versions of the Bible. Use the internet to find versions in different languages. Write some of them on cards and display them in your house. Have fun reading them aloud – or trying to! Have a go at writing your own version in your local dialect, or in text speak or similar. Or, how about a version in emojis?



Daily Readings for week commencing 25 th July 2022		
Monday	2 Kings 1: 9-15	Luke 9: 46-56 <i>James the Apostle</i>
Tuesday	1 Samuel 6: 1-16	Luke 21: 5-19
Wednesday	1 Samuel 7	Luke 21: 20-28
Thursday	1 Samuel 8	Luke 21: 29-end
Friday	1 Samuel 9: 1-14	Luke 22: 1-13 <i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i>
Saturday	1 Samuel 9: 15-10:1	Luke 22: 14-23

Pray for those in need... Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret and Alison... **Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one...** remembering the souls of Maureen and George

Dates for the diary...

Important Note: There will be no service at the Community Centre on Sunday 7th August. A YouTube service will be available on the day and a link will be circulated on email. You can also join in worship at our other churches across the team:

St Mark's in the Cheery Orchard at 9.30 a.m.

Whittington at 11.00 a.m.

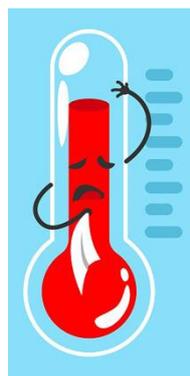
St Martin's at 10.00 a.m.



We are holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Countryside Centre on Saturday 20th August at 1.00 p.m.

Look out your favourite bear and bring him along.

More details, speak to Sue Gilchrist



It's hotting up... This week we have experienced the highest temperatures on record here in the UK as scenes on the news have replicated those things we were warned would happen, and the effects of global warming became more acutely experienced. Perhaps we've seen those around us realise for the first time the need to take these warnings seriously, and act on climate change, knowing that we have a part to play in this. When Jesus taught us to pray 'your kingdom come,' he was teaching something of what it is to play our part in bringing in God's change. God can change the world in unimaginable, supernatural, miraculous ways, and yet he chooses to work with us, inviting us to change the world together with him.

When we pray 'your kingdom come,' we ask God to bring about his transformation, and in turn, he invites us to participate. It's a prayer that comes with a challenge; will we have the courage to say 'Amen' to that, and be ready to take the actions that are needed?