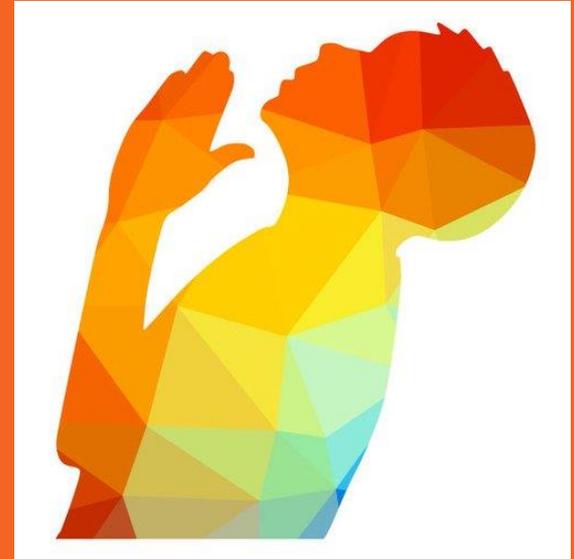

Understanding The Lord's Prayers

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What is prayer?

Prayer is simply about talking to God and Jesus through the power of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer does not always have to be formal.

Prayer can just be a conversation with God.

Prayer can just be saying thank you.





The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

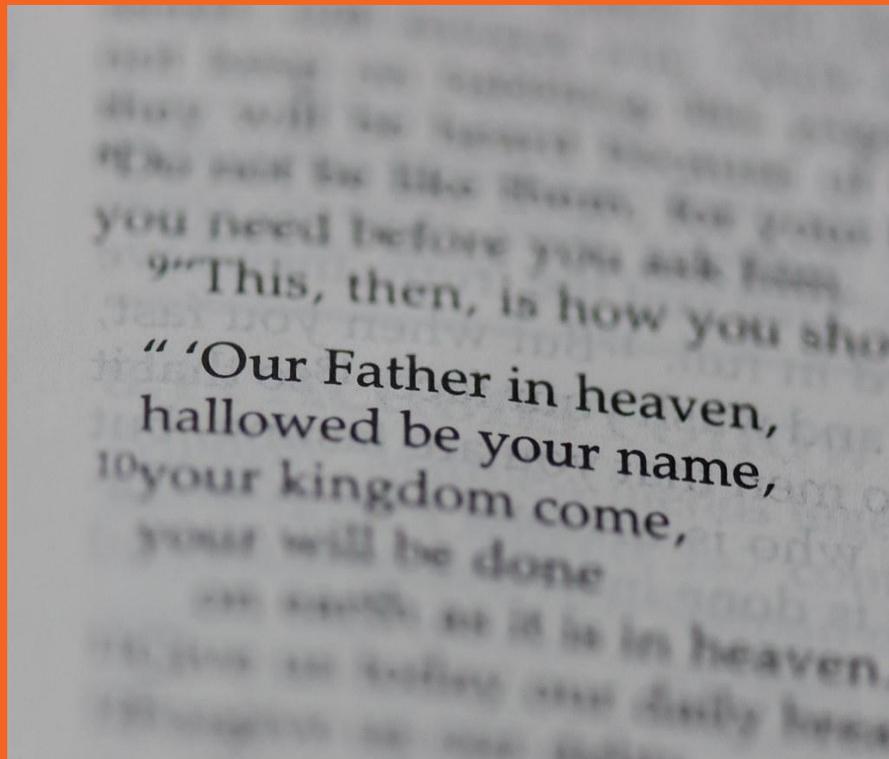
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Forever and ever, Amen.”



Our Father who art in heaven:

means we're praying to our father who is in heaven. We start the prayer out this way so we know that we're praying to God our father and we're not alone. God likes it when we call him father and he wants us to talk to him like we talk to our own father. God is our loving father and we are his special children.

A vibrant, colorful nebula or galaxy in space, with shades of purple, pink, orange, and blue, set against a dark starry background. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font.

**GOD
OF WONDER
BEYOND OUR GALAXY
YOU ARE HOLY
HOLY
HOLY!**



Hallowed be thy name:

This means holy is your name. Even though God wants us to call him our father, he is still God. It's sometimes really hard to understand who God is and what he's like. How did he make us? How is he perfect and never makes mistakes? God just wants us to remember that we need to treat him super special because he is God and when we pray to him we need to be respectful.





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

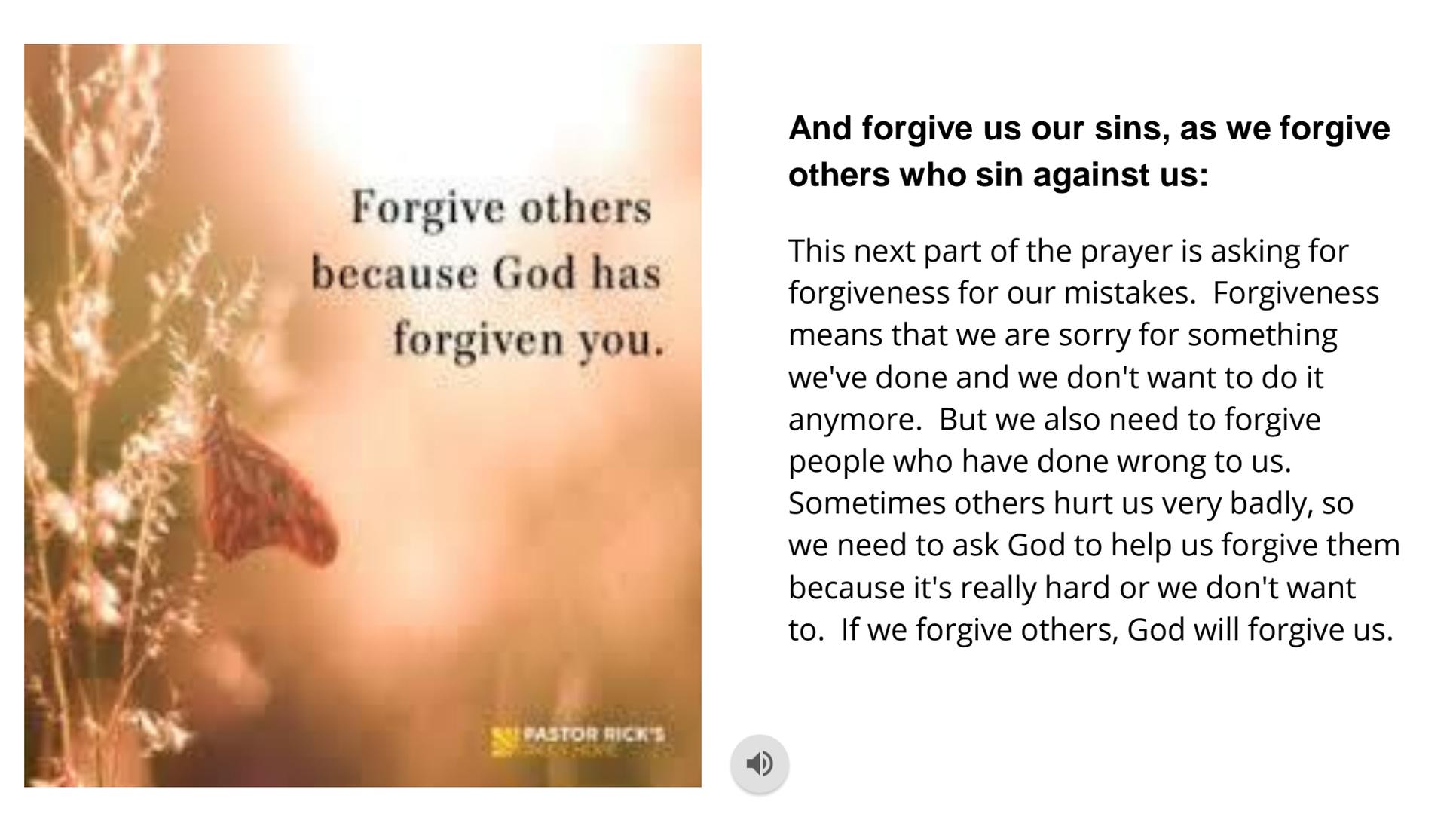
If we think about where God lives, we know it's pretty great. The Bible says that in heaven there will be no more crying, God will live with us, and there will be no hunger or hurt there.



Give us this day our daily bread:

means give us today all that we need. Keep in mind that these are things that we can't live without. We don't *need* video games and princess dolls those are the things that we want, we need food, water and shelter.



A butterfly is perched on a thin, light-colored plant stem. The background is a soft, warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

Forgive others
because God has
forgiven you.

 PASTOR RICK'S
WARREN

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive
others who sin against us:**

This next part of the prayer is asking for forgiveness for our mistakes. Forgiveness means that we are sorry for something we've done and we don't want to do it anymore. But we also need to forgive people who have done wrong to us. Sometimes others hurt us very badly, so we need to ask God to help us forgive them because it's really hard or we don't want to. If we forgive others, God will forgive us.





And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

Is it sometimes tempting to do something you're not supposed to? This part of the prayer is really neat because it asks God to help us to know the right thing to do. To protect us against the evil that is in the world and keep us away from it.



For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen:

The last part of the prayer is the best part! For yours is the kingdom means that Heaven will last forever and will always be God's. God also has all the power and all the glory FOREVER! It makes me happy knowing that God will never die and he's the strongest and greatest. With God we will always win!





The Lord's Prayer in ASL



Closing:

Prayer is personal.
Prayer is conversation.

Next week:
More on prayer!

Blessing

Prayer

