

EXERCISE: FESTOONING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, festooning and paraphrasing it as the Spirit leads. Below are some examples: first, the traditional King James Version; second, from *The Divine Conspiracy*; third, an example of festooning to get you going.

Our Father who art in heaven

Dear Father always near us,

Our great Father who is in this place right now but also across the planet with the starving,

Hallowed by Thy name

May your name be treasured and loved.

May your name be my favorite word.

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

May your rule be completed in us—may your will be done here on earth in just the way it is done in heaven.

Let your kingdom live in me and in everyone I touch.

Give us this day our daily bread

Give us today the things we need today,

Give me the basic things I need today and receive them with great joy.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

And forgive us our sins and impositions on you as we are forgiving all who in any way offend us.

forgive us our sins and help us be so immersed in that so that we turn that forgiveness around to forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

Please don't put us through trials.

Save us from people and circumstances that are too difficult for us.

And deliver us from evil

but deliver us from everything bad.

keep me out of harm's way, out of the way of evil influences.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Because you are the one in charge, and you have all the power, and the glory too is all yours— forever— which is just the way we want it! Whoopee!

We're so glad your kingdom is so powerful and glorious!

The purpose of this exercise is to help you live in the prayer Jesus prayed and experience the kingdom of God more moments of your day by praying the ideas of the Lord's Prayer in your own words.