Our Father, Who Art In Heaven

You are the possessor and maker of heaven and earth. *(Genesis 14:22)*

Hallowed be Thy name

Your name is to be honored; for who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? (Luke 11:2; Exodus 15:11)

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

God has raised us up into glory with Christ, we who were once spiritually dead due to our sins. Christ has prepared in each believer a room in the soul for God to dwell in while we are yet here on earth. Now we sit with Him in heavenly realms. If we confide in You, Father, You will make Your will known to us. For we have this confidence in God, that if we ask anything according to Your will, You will hear us. And if we know that You hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of You.

(John 14:2-4, 23; Ephesians 2:4-7; Colossians 1:13; 1 John 5:14, 1)

On earth as it is in heaven

The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at Thy reproof—the devils believe and shutter. Even so, You are not a man such as we are that we can be brought together in harmony, save through Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Father, may He continue to declare and manifest Thy character, commandments, truth, and will—He in the redeemed and You in Him; all being perfected into one so that the world will know that You sent Him and will understand and be warned that You love them as You love Your Son.

(Job 9:32; John 5:3-5)

Give us this day our daily bread

Provide us this day not only food to nourish our bodies, but empower us to will and desire to serve You for Your good pleasure, satisfaction, and delight. Jesus found meat for His soul in doing the Will of Him that sent Him, and to finish it. So shall we rely, trust, and have confidence in the name of the Lord; leaning upon and being supported by our God. (John 4:34; Philippians 2:23; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19)

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us

The gospel teaches that when we stand praying, forgive, if we have ought against any, making it possible for You to forgive us our trespasses. Because sin brings darkness into our soul, and unforgiveness is sin, we will continue to be shackled in spiritual darkness; attached to the morbid life of our enemy until we repent of our sin. Blessing him instead will provide You access to remove those shackles and bring conviction to his soul. The believer can then be reconciled to You: his righteousness restored, reunited to the body of Christ, and healed of his wounds. (Mark 11:15; Romans 6:16-23; Romans 12:19; 1 Timothy 2:4)

And lead us not into temptation

Our old sinful nature received its instructions from the devil—it never did and never will obey Your laws. Because its aim is to enjoy the selfish pursuits of this world, it endures a living death. Our spirit, on the other hand, delights in Your will for it has been revived by You and given new life. But our soul—our mind, will, and intellect—just wants to be gratified and doesn't care which of the other two makes it a better offer. Its decision determines the master it chooses to follow. If it has not chosen to follow God, He is left with no alternative but to lead the soul into the direction it has chosen—into temptation. This results in a continuous warring within for control of the soul.

Because it is the soul that Christ redeemed from the devil, suffering on Christ's behalf is a privilege: God's way of flaying our flesh—our sinful nature—and burning it on His altar for a sweet savor unto Him. From our viewpoint, it is a method of mortifying the deeds of the body: a way of signaling the soul to be submissive to the quickened spirit whose master is God and whose touch and leading it follows.

We must also remember that Your Word says that whoever leads into captivity will himself go into captivity; if anyone slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Herein is [the call for] the patience and the faith and fidelity of the saints (God's people). (Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 7:23-25; 8:12, 13; James 1:4, 4:4; Revelation 13:10)

But deliver us from evil

Victory over the devil, our old nature, the world's influences, death and the grave, and all that exalts itself against the knowledge of God is from God through Christ by faith. Those who attempt to kindle their own fires and work out their own plans of salvation shall receive this of Your hand: they shall lie down in grief and in torment. (Isaiah 50:10, 11; Romans 7:23-25; 8:37; 16:20; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Hebrews 11:33-38; 1 John 5:4-5)

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

Creatures in heaven cry day and night "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent). Who was and Who is and Who is to come." And the heavenly Sanhedrin fall prostrate before You crying out, "Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created and succeed." (Colossians 1:16, 17; Revelation 4: 8, 10-11)

And all the people of God say, Amen