

The Lord's Prayer

At the request of a number of the church family who heard Donald read it out at the 8.45 am and 11 am Sunday services recently, here is what an unknown author has written about the Lord's prayer.

I cannot say **"our"** if I live only for myself.

I cannot say **"Father"** if I do not try to act like his child.

I cannot say **"who art in heaven"** if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say **"hallowed be your name"** if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say **"your kingdom come"** if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that event.

I cannot say **"give us today our daily bread"** if I am dishonest, or seeking something for nothing.

I cannot say **"forgive us our trespasses"** if I bear a grudge against another.

I cannot say **"lead us not into temptation"** if I deliberately place myself in its path

I cannot say **"deliver us from evil"** if I do not put on the armour of God.

I cannot say **"yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory"** if I do not give the King the loyalty due to him from a faithful subject.

And I cannot say **"forever"** if the horizon of my life is bounded completely by time.