

Fresh Takes on The Lord's Prayer

Alternative versions used during summer 2018 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis.

from the Benedictine Women of Madison, 2007

Holy One, our sacred Home, blessed be your name, may your day dawn, your will be done, here as in Infinity. Feed us today, and forgive us, as we forgive each other. Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil. For the glory, the power and the mercy are yours, now and forever. Amen.

from Chuck Dayton

**Our Creator, throughout the heavens, hallowed be your flame.
In a trillion suns your new world comes; in the tiniest cell, your will be done.
Give us each day a bird in flight, a flower's perfume, a bright star's light.
Lead us not on a path of greed, teach us to tread lightly, to take what we need.
For ours is a journey from ignorance to understanding, from separation to Oneness
with you, in the glorious energy of the universe. Amen.**

from Hawaii

**Our Father, who is in heaven,
Sacred be your name.
Your dominion approaches;
May your wishes be carried out upon this Earth
Just as they are carried out in heaven.
Grant to us this day
Our daily harvests;
Absolve us of our sins,
The same as we absolve those who sin against us.
Do not lead us to temptation,
But provide an escape for us from evil.
Therefore, yours is the dominion, and the divine power,
and the high praise, forevermore. Amen.**

by Parker J. Palmer.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need; give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days—come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.

adapted by Rev. Mary Kay Sauter

Our God, blessed be your name. Your presence is everywhere. May your will be done both here and throughout this world. May your realm of peace and harmony sustain our hopes. May we be fed today with the bread that we need and may forgiveness be ours in the same measure we give. In times of temptations, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For yours is the power that is love, now and forevermore. Amen.

from *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

translated from Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, you create all that moves in light.
Focus your light within us—make it useful: as the rays of a beacon show the way.
Create your reign of unity now—through our fiery hearts and willing hands.
Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:
subsistence for the call of growing life.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
Don't let us enter forgetfulness,
but free us from unripeness.
From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.
Truly—power to these statements—
may they be the source from which all my actions grow.
Sealed in trust and faith. Amen.**

by Fred F. Keip, Jr.

Indwelling God, who art infused throughout all existence, we hallow thee with many names. Thy Kingdom is within the human heart. We accept life for all that it can be, on earth as throughout all creation. May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth, and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own. May we ever move from separation toward union, to live in grace, with love in our hearts, forever and ever. Amen.

a translation from first-century Aramaic

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the Present. From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen.

revised by our clergy

Our loving, tender God, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Traditional

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