



The Light in the Lord's Prayer

Dynamic Activities in the Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 9-13; Luke 11: 2-4

“Pray then like this....”

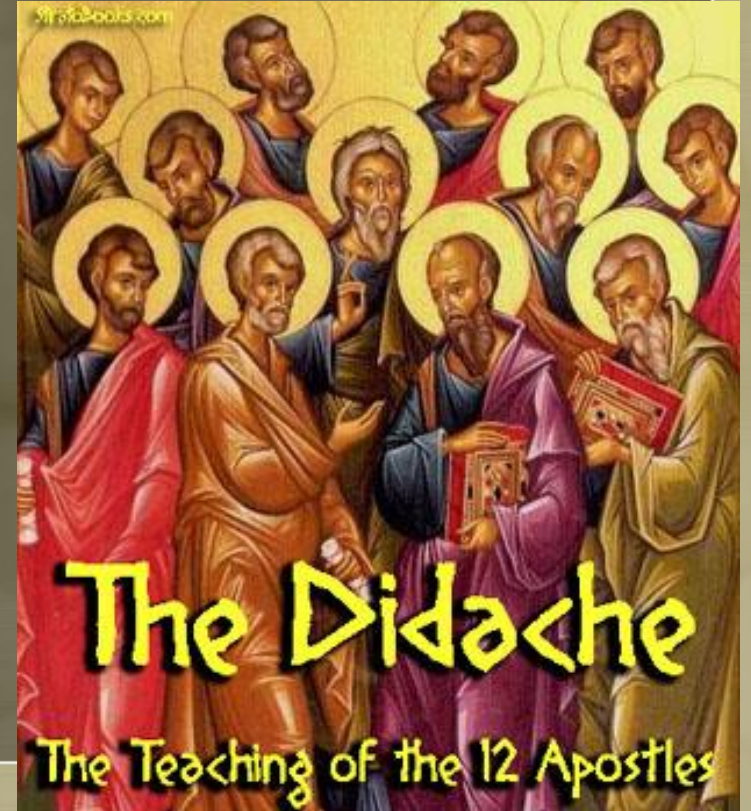
The Lord's Prayer

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Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
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The Lord's Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6: 9-13
- The Lord's Prayer in Luke 11: 2-4
- The Lord's Prayer in the Didache



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 9-13

MT 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

" `Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
MT 6:10 your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

MT 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

MT 6:12 Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

MT 6:13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. '

Luke 11: 2-4

LK 11:2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" `Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

LK 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

LK 11:4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

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The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 9-13

- Sermon on the mountain
- Audience: Jews
- The Righteousness of God supersedes our behaviors
- “how you should pray” in the Sermon on the Mount

Luke 11: 2-4

- Sermon on the plain
- Audience: Gentile
- The Grace of God
- “when you pray” in response to the disciples asking Jesus to teach them how to pray

The Lord's Prayer

Διδαχῶν τῶν δώδεκᾶ ἀποστόλων
Διδαχὴ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἀποστόλων αὐτοῦ εἰς ἡμετέρας· ὁ δὲ δευ-
τέρως· μὴ ἵνα ζῶμεν καὶ μὴ τὸν θάνατόν· διὰ τὴν πολλὴν μὲν
ἐν τῷ θεῷ δόξῃ· ἡ μὲν οὖν ὁ δὲ τὸ ζῶμεν αὐτῆ· πρώτη· χάρις·

- The *Didache* or The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles
- late first/early second century
- “they shall say the Lord's Prayer three times a day”
- with the doxology "for Thine is the power and the glory for ever,"

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Some Comments about the Lord's Prayer



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- Jesus' message of the kingdom of God summarised in prayer form

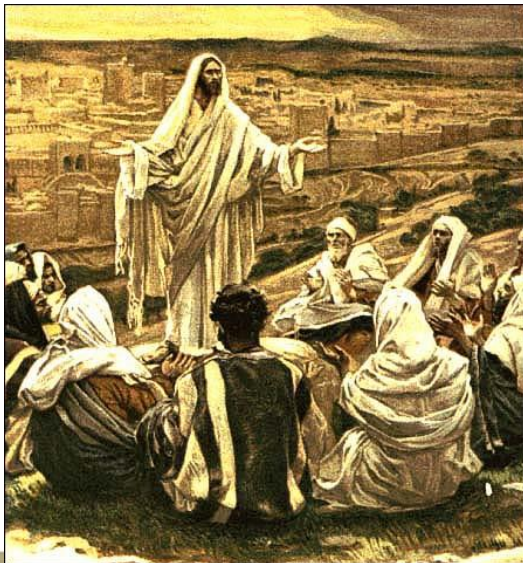
Tertullian "epitome of the whole Gospel"
(breviarum totius evangelii)

Augustine "the source of all prayers"

The Lord's Prayer

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- Disciple's prayer

Not 'we must pray' but 'you pray'



The Lord's Prayer

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- Disciple's prayer
- Used in the plural

The first person singular pronoun is not used anywhere in the prayer. We say, "Our Father, ... give us" This prayer is meant for a community.

The Lord's Prayer

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- Two components:
 - focus on God and focus on self and others

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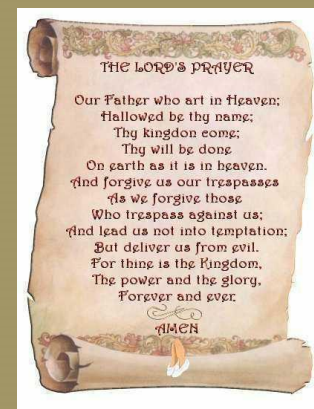
- The ‘thou’ petitions of the Lord’s Prayer focus on God and implore God to act so as to achieve his purposes in the world.
- The first petition (hallowing God’s name) is further explicated by the second (coming of God’s Kingdom) and the third, found only in Matthew (doing God’s will)

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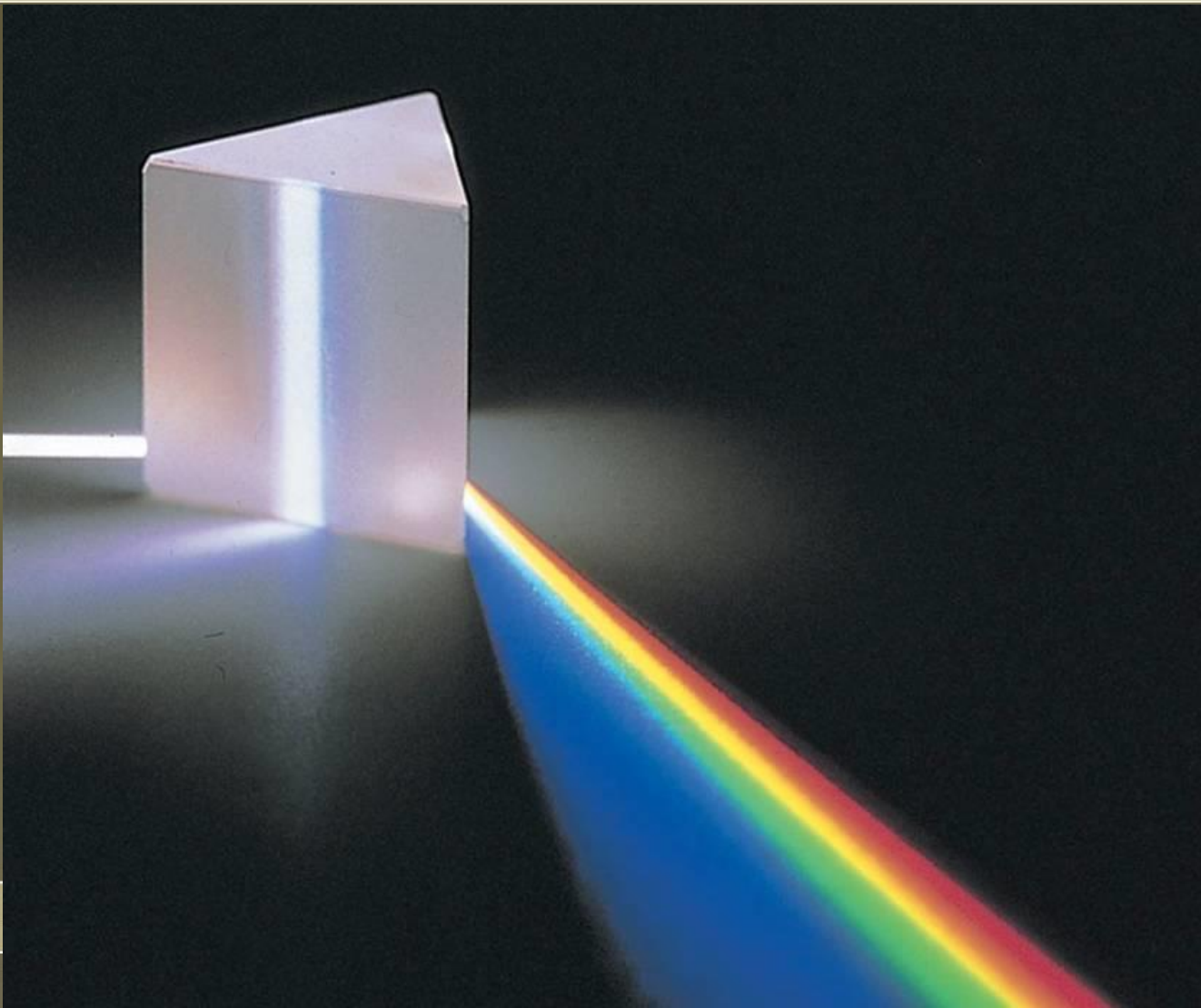
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- Taught by Jesus



The Seven Dynamic Activities in the Lord's Prayer



The Spectrum of Light

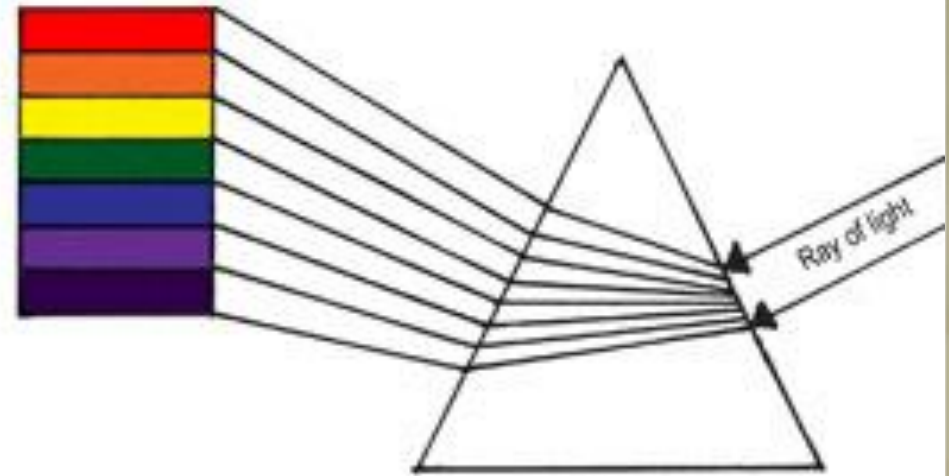


The Spectrum of the Lord's Prayer

| The Lord's Prayer | Dynamic Activities |
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| Our Father in heaven, (Matt.6:9b; Lk.11:2b) | approaching |
| hallowed be your name. (Matt.6:9c) | adoring |
| Your Kingdom come, (Matt. 6:10a; Lk.11:2c) | acknowledging |
| your will be done, on earth as in heaven (Matt. 6:10b) | accepting |
| Give us today our daily bread. (Matt 6:11; Lk. 11:3) | asking |
| Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. (Matt. 6:12; Lk.11:4a) | admitting |
| Lead us not into temptation, (Matt. 6:13a; Lk. 11:4b) but deliver us from evil. (Matt. 6:13b) | adhering |

Dynamic activities of the Lord's Prayer

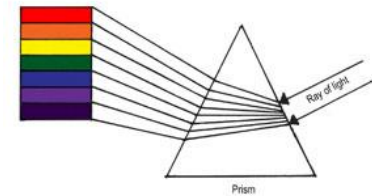
- **Approaching God in a direct and intimate way**
- **Adoring of the Creator and the Almighty**
- **Acknowledging his work and his worth, in praise and worship**
- **Accepting from God one's own situation as he has shaped it**
- **Admitting sin, and seeking pardon**
- **Asking that needs be met, for ourselves and others**
- **Adhering thick and thin**



Dynamic activities of the Lord's Prayer

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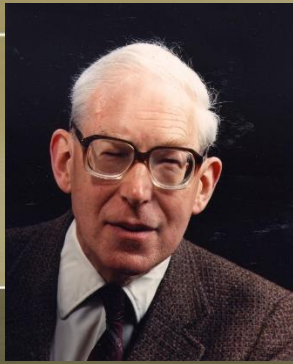
- coercing or manipulating God
- magical words or formulae
- abundance of words
- vain repetition



Lord's Prayer during the Pandemic

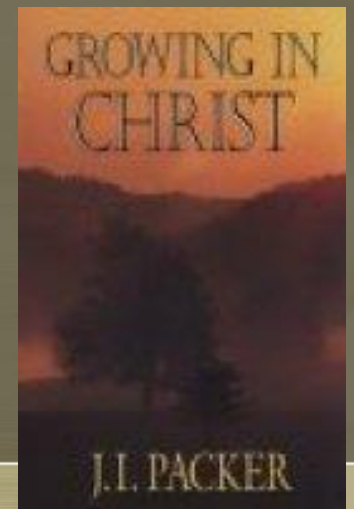
- Prayer depends on a relationship with God





J.I. Packer

“It is not too much to say that God made us to pray; that prayer is (not the easiest, but) the most natural activity in which we ever engage; and that prayer is the measure of us all in God’s sight.”



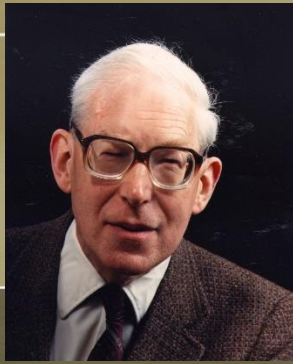
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- Prayer depends on a relationship with God
- Prayer is a 'natural' action
 - Approaching
 - Adoring
 - Acknowledging
 - Accepting
 - Asking
 - Admitting
 - Adhering



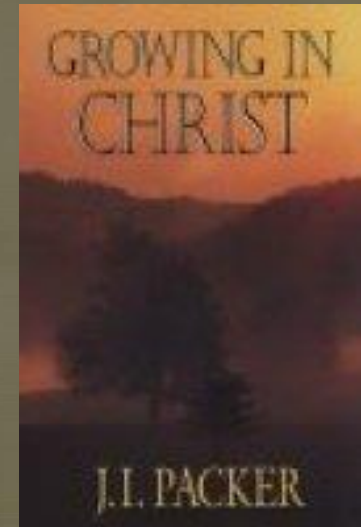
Lord's Prayer during the Pandemic

- Prayer depends on a relationship with God
- Prayer is a 'natural' action
- The Lord's Prayer is a useful template for our prayer life



J.I. Packer

“So the Lord’s Prayer should be put to service to direct and spur on our praying constantly. To pray in terms of it is the sure way to keep our prayers within God’s will; to pray through it, expanding the clauses as you go along, is the sure way to prime the pump when prayer dries up and you find yourself stuck. We never get beyond this prayer; not only is it the Lord’s first lesson in praying, it is all the other lessons too. Lord, teach us to pray.”



Lord, teach us to pray



The Lord's Prayer in Arabic

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