

The Lord's Prayer is used in most sessions. Refer to this page when so indicated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (select a version of the prayer):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



WORSHIP LEAFLETS

RECOGNIZING OUR DEBT TO OTHERS

*Responses are in **bold**.

OPENING SENTENCESMark 12:29–31

Which commandment is the first of all?

The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;"

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

HYMN

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;

stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (GtG, #688)

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;

All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

SCRIPTURE

12:28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and Mark 12:28–34; James 2:14–17

'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant's Book, p. 1, and Leader's Guide, p. 1.

PRAYER

(Individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered. There may be silent prayer.)

Sing praise to the Lord, whose faithful love is forever,

who seeks justice for all of creation, setting prisoners free, lifting up those who are bowed down; who watches over the estranged; and who sustains those who are without care.

Let us be present for you as you are present for us,

that in our attention we might catch a glimpse

of the perfect love you extend to us.

Let our hearts be made open so that this love transforms us for your purposes in the world.

We confess to you that our faithfulness falls short

more often than we'd like.

We are grateful that you are a God of infinite chances.

As we try again,

we ask that you would meet us in our efforts—

not for our sakes,

but for the sake of the world you love.

For creation . . .

Grant us the courage to forfeit behaviors, systems, and structures that introduce harm into your creation. Help us to apply our minds and imaginations to new ways of gleaning energy, harvesting resources, and distributing goods. Disrupt our habits of overconsumption, and help us to be present to the gifts you have given to us.

For our communities . . . Grant us self-awareness to see the ways in which we participate in relational harm and to disrupt our practices of brokenness. Grant us a spiritual generosity and commitment to you

as we seek to meet one another with a faithful love that mirrors yours.

For this community . . .

For those among us

who are in the midst of depression or despair, who are full of anxiety and fear,

grant us the courage to continue moving forward.

Lift our gaze to see who you are and where you are inviting us to be.

Help us to help each other,

knowing that as we grab hold of one another's hands,

we are ourselves mutually transformed.

We offer you our praise and prayers, O God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

DISMISSAL James 2:14, 16–17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works?

"Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

We will love God and neighbor as Jesus loves.