

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Christian Initiatory Teachings

The Lord's Prayer

THE Lord's Prayer, or the law of prayer, is the perfect prayer. It contains a sevenfold, a ninefold, and a twelvefold meaning.

After this manner therefore pray ye:
Our Father 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 (and
do not let us enter into temptation),
but deliver us from evil: For thine
is the kingdom and the power, and
the glory forever. Amen.—

Matthew 6:6-19.

The Disciples and early Christians used this prayer in the following manner to attract the beneficent down-pouring of the great celestial Hierarchies.

1. *Hallowed be Thy name.* Invocation of the masculine pole of Spirit, Will, through the planet of Divinity, Neptune, to the Hierarchy Aries, who gave the initial impulse of motion.

2. *Thy Kingdom Come.* Invocation of the feminine pole of Spirit, *Wisdom*, through the planet of intuition, Uranus, to the Hierarchy Taurus, who gave the initial impulse of form.

3. *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Invocation of the two poles in unison or harmonious *activity*, through Mercury, the planet of wisdom, to the Hierarchy Gemini, who gave the archetype or pattern of the first blending of life with form.

4. *Give us this day our daily bread* (supernatural): Invocation of the feminine pole of Spirit through the Moon, the planet of fecundation, to the Hierarchy Cancer, who awakened the image-

forming power in man.

5. *Forgive us our trespasses:* Invocation of the masculine pole of Spirit through the Sun, the planet of light, to the Hierarchy Leo, the Lords of Flame, who awakened the will power in the Spirit.

6. *As we forgive those who trespass against us:* Invocation of the biune Powers in unison through Mercury, the planet of wisdom, to the Hierarchy Virgo, who gave, through purity, the pattern of the etheric body.

7. *Lead us not into temptation* (Do not let us enter into temptation): The invocation of the desire nature through Venus, the planet of love, to the Hierarchy Libra, who gave through love, the pattern of the desire body.

8. *Deliver us from evil:* The invocation of the physical body, through Mars, the planet of action, to the Hierarchy Scorpio, who gave the first archetype of form to evolving man.

9. *Thine is the kingdom:* The invocation of mind through Jupiter, the planet of aspiration, to the Hierarchy Sagittarius, who gave to man power of mind.

10. *The power and the glory.*

11. *Forever and ever.*

12. *Amen.*

The threefold conclusion forms the invocation of the triune Spirit of man to the Hierarchies of Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces through the planets Saturn, Uranus, and Jupiter.

Amen completes the series and records the blending of the four elements of fire, water, air, and earth, or the amalgamation of the essence of passion, emotion, mind, and body. It points to the perfected man at the end of the present Earth Period.

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