

I. We are invited to pray to our Heavenly Father

A. Our Heavenly Father loves us deeply

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is who we are!"
(1 John 3:1)

B. Our Heavenly Father welcomes us

C. Our Heavenly Father has unlimited resources

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

II. The requests that deal with the glory of God

A. We pray for God's name to be honored

1. We live out that prayer through an obedient life

B. We pray for God's kingdom to come

1. We pray for future perfect kingdom

"The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he will reign for ever and ever."
(Revelation 11:15)

2. We pray for present kingdom in our hearts

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

C. We pray for God's will to be done

"I desire to do your will, o my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

1. We live out that prayer through a surrendered life

III. The requests that deal with the needs of people

A. We pray for God's daily provision

1. We confess our complete dependence on God

B. We pray for forgiveness of sins

"if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

1. We must also forgive others

“Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” (Colossians 3:13)

C. We pray for protection from the evil one

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (2 Cor. 10:13)