

The Lord's Day
Sunday, December 31, 2023
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Today's Prayer

I pray that despite the difficulty surrounding us that we can stand firm in our faith. I pray we can share the love of Jesus with all those around us and that the lies and the schemes of the enemy will not prevail. I lift the people who don't know you, I pray you would bring people into their lives that can bring truth to their hearts and hope for their souls. Thank you for your peace, Lord and thank you that we can come to you and you meet us right where we are.

In Jesus Name, Amen

The Morning Message

Tim Blodgett—Being a Palatable Christian

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

The Family and Friends of Dorice Stewart

Safe Travels for Teens, Pastors and Parents

Greg Haskins • Phillip Seymour
Daniel Shirley • Colette Cross • Beverly Snyder
Burt Goodnough • Stanley Perzan • Nancy Casler
John Shatraw • Jared Eldridge • Dan Race • Ron Latella
Bonnie VanDyke • Mark Freeden • George Steven • Mary Hesford
Norm Kepner • Lynn & Stan • Shaun Hull • Patricia Myers • Brian Groff
Doris Bates • Donna Thurston • Stanley Kepner • Karen Ross • Randy

MISSIONARIES: Mozambique: Rev. Jim Pickett

ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

Greeters: Kelly Blair / Bill Butman

Security: Fred Poole / Jerry Weed / Lyle Robbins

Funeral Arrangements for Dorice Stewart: will be at our Church on Tuesday, January 2, calling hours from 4:00-5:00pm, funeral at 5:00 pm, with a meal to follow.

Wednesday, January 3, 6:00 PM: Activ8Her Chapter Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 11:15 AM: Security Meeting

Monday, January 8, 6:00 PM: Local Board Meeting

Monday, January 8, 6:00 PM: Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday and Wednesday Men's Bible Study: will start January 9.

The Power of Prayer

Prayer helps you develop a relationship with God. Just like your parents here on earth, your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, He listens. Then he answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people.

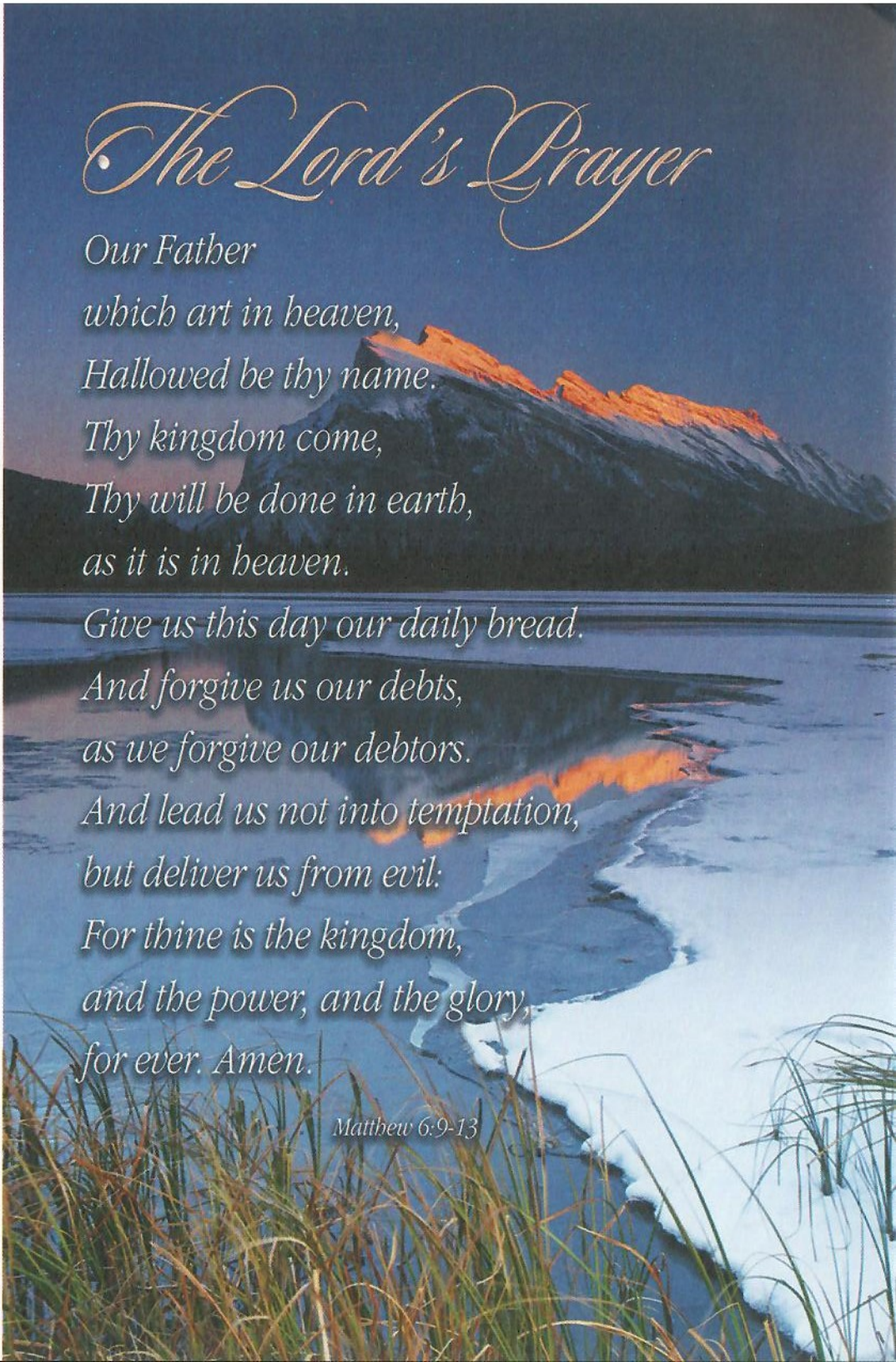
Prayer helps you gain an understanding of God's loving nature. The scriptures teach, "God is Love" (1John 4:8). You can feel love as you speak daily with Him through prayer, seeking His guidance in your life.

Prayer provides answers. Praying and listening to the answers God gives you, can help you better understand your purpose in life. God will help you understand why you are here and what you can do to return to live with Him after this life.

Prayer can work miracles. Throughout the scriptures, we see many examples of the Lord working miracles as an answer to prayer. In Old Testament times, the prophet David was thrown into a lions' den because he refused to stop praying. When he prayed to God, angels appeared and closed the mouths of the lions. Through daily prayer, you can also experience personal miracles such as healing, peace, and forgiveness for sins.

Prayer invites the Holy Spirit into your life. As you pray daily, you invite the Holy Spirit to be with you and to comfort and direct you. The Holy Spirit can give you answers, help you feel God's love, and bring feelings of peace and joy into your heart.

Prayer helps you become more like Jesus. Jesus set the perfect example of prayer. If you try to follow His example through prayer, you will become more like Him and develop a better relationship with Him.



The Lord's Prayer

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,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13