

Praise, Petition, and Promise

Identification

The Lord's Prayer includes three forms of prayer: praise, petition, and promise. Identify the types of prayer expressed in each phrase of the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
They will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Reflection

1. How and why do you think Jesus chose the wording for this prayer?

2. Write a personal reflection on one of the praises, petitions, or promises found in the Lord's Prayer.

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