

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

I cannot say "OUR" If my FAITH has no room for other people, their needs, and their differences;

I can not say "FATHER" If I do not accept others as brothers and sisters in my daily life, and unless I come to Him as a child;

I can not say "WHO ART IN HEAVEN" If all my interests and pursuits are limited to earthly things;

I can not say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME" If I, who am called by His name, do nothing to praise, honour, and please His name;

I can not say "THY KINGDOM COME" If I am unwilling to give up the "good" of my selfishness and accept the reign of God's love;

I cannot say 'THY WILL BE DONE' until I put what He wants first;

I can not say "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" Unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service in the here and now.

I can not say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD" If I am lazy and expect "to receive and not give" and If I continue to ignore the needs of others

I can not say FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, unless I am first willing to say FORGIVE MY DEBTORS,

I can not say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" If I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted

I can not say "DELIVER US FROM EVIL" If I am not prepared to fight against the evil in my life and injustices in the lives of my brothers and sisters

I can not say "THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY"

If I'm seeking my own glory, or If I do not listen to God and His way, or if I fear what neighbours and friends may say or do for seeking God's Kingdom first

I can not say "AMEN" Unless I can also "say

'cost what it may, this is my prayer" Yes LORD. Fulfil your will in me.

**MATTHEW 6V9 'THIS, THEN, IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY!'**