

The Lord's Prayer (Little by Little, We Change the World)

In the eyes of the world, the strongest will survive.

In the eyes of God, the weakest will survive.

God always stands on the side of the meek and humble, and it is among the weak, that we find God.

And so it is for all of us that we pray ...

Our Father ...

Who is found among the lowly in the world – the poor, the vulnerable, those who struggle to love, the victims of circumstance and choice, the hidden ones among us.

Who art in heaven ...

A haven and refuge from pain, where the meek shall inherit the earth and the first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

Hallowed be thy name ...

Release us from our sinfulness that blinds us to the pain of our neighbor, that when we praise you, our hearts are filled with compassion and mercy.

Thy Kingdom come ...

Teach us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you that we might create a world where we reach beyond our own wants and desires.

Your will be done ...

Open our eyes to let you in so that your perfect love may shine through us in all that we do.

On earth as it is in heaven ...

May the work of our hands be the work of your hands that radiates your love for all, especially the poor.

Give ...

Us peace that surpasses all understanding that we may always hold up your command: Without cost, you have received; without cost, you are to give.

Us ...

The weak, the powerful; the rich, the poor; the neighbor, the foreigner; the sheltered, the homeless; the hungry, the well-fed ... all these holy children of God that are one Body of Christ.

This day ...

Not tomorrow, to make excuses and justify our wants when so many in the world survive on a handful of blessings.

Our daily bread ...

May each person in the world have enough to sustain a healthy life – food, clean water, clean air, shelter, health care, education and love.

And forgive us our trespasses ...

Cure our blindness, forgive us for being pre-occupied with ourselves, and teach us to see you in the faces of others.

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As we forgive those ...

Teach us to be generous with our forgiveness that we may not hold back any hurt or anger towards another, but be genuine in reconciling broken relationships.

Who trespass against us ...

Fill us with your grace that dissolves bitterness, resentment and pain; and do not let us waste days on anger or hatred.

And lead us not into temptation ...

Be patient with our humanity, for we will fail many times; instead, give us more days to learn to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the prisoner; trying to mend oppressive systems that render vulnerable the lowly.

But deliver us from evil ...

From the sin that keeps us comfortable and allows us to continue with our lives blind to the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world.

For the kingdom ...

This world that you gave for everyone, not just the rich and powerful, but the meek and humble, and especially the poor.

The power ...

May we be right users of power, claiming an option for the poor and those who have no voice, using our power to shift the balance of wealth toward equity for all.

And the glory ...

Let them see not me, but only You shining through me.

Are yours ...

You are the only one worthy of glory, and we give it all to you.

Now and forever ...

Until the end of days, you are our God.

Amen ...

We believe it so – that we will see the coming of the glory of the Lord.

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