

*“Our* **Father** *in heaven,*  
**hallowed** *be your name.*

*the* *Your* **kingdom** *come,*  
*your* **will** *be done,*  
*on* **earth** *as it is in* **heaven.**

*Give us today our* **daily bread,**  
*and* **forgive** *us our debts,*  
*as we also have* **forgiven** *our debtors.*

*And* **lead** *us not into temptation,*  
*but* **deliver** *us from the evil one.”*

*prayer* ~ Matthew 6:9-13 ~

### **Some thoughts on the Good News in the Lord's Prayer:**

We pray to our **Father in heaven** because He adopted us when we received the witness and good news that Jesus brought us. Yes, He created us as human beings, possessed of biological life (*bios*) through our first, natural birth, but our **true sonship** began when we were begotten by Him spiritually in His image and became partakers by new birth of His **eternal life** (*zoe*). He indeed is **completely holy**, and we are not, but He has imparted His holiness to us and is promising to continue purifying us as we yield to Him. Our desire is to see **His perfect Kingdom come** in our midst as our lives come into **obedience** to Him as the King of both heaven and earth, trusting that He will **provide all we need**, including food, shelter, love, wisdom, guidance, healing, **forgiveness** for ourselves and others, **protection** from temptation, and **deliverance** from the wiles of the enemy of our souls. **How much better can Good News get?**