

# THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

## Lesson Ten

### PRAYING IN THE LORD'S NAME

#### Burden to Impart:

*As God's dear children we may pray in the Name of His Son, the Lord Jesus, concerning our every need and the needs of others (1 Tim. 2:1-4). Whatever we ask of God according to His will in the "Name of Jesus" (the highest name in the universe) will be heard by Him and answered, in His time, and according to His own wisdom.*

**Memory Verse:** "And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

#### Facts to Teach:

1. The Lord Jesus encouraged us to make our needs and requests known to God (John 16:23-24). We express our faith in God through prayer.
2. God hears and answers our prayers only when they are "in the Name" of the Lord Jesus.
3. To pray in the Lord's Name means that we are one with Him; that is, we are in fellowship with Him. In order to be in fellowship with the Lord we must have a good conscience. Our conscience is kept clean and pure by confessing our sins to the Lord and allowing Him to forgive us and wash them away with His precious blood (Heb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7,9). If we do not sincerely confess any sin or offense that is bothering our conscience the Lord will not hear our prayer (Psa. 66:18).
4. To pray in the Lord's Name is to ask in the name of the highest One in the universe, the one to whom all authority is given and to whom every knee must bow and every tongue confess (Phil. 2:9-11).
5. His Name is like the key to open the door of heaven so our prayers will be heard and answered. The Father will always answer the prayer that is prayed in the Name of His Son.
6. The Lord showed His trust in us when He gave us authority to pray in His Name. This is like the trust a husband has in his wife. The wife has full authority to use the husband's name at the bank to withdraw money. Although she is not the husband, she can ask for all the money that he has in the bank, for she asks "in his name."
7. We may ask God for all our needs, as we saw in the disciples' prayer. Also we may ask for others' needs, for them to be saved, protected, and blessed.
8. Sometimes it seems that God does not hear or answer our prayers. He hears and answers every prayer, but oftentimes He answers in a different time or way than we expected so we don't even realize that He answered our prayer. For this reason when we pray we should also "watch" to see how God answers our prayers. Since we know He hears us we should always pray with "thanksgiving" (Phil. 4:7).

# When to Pray

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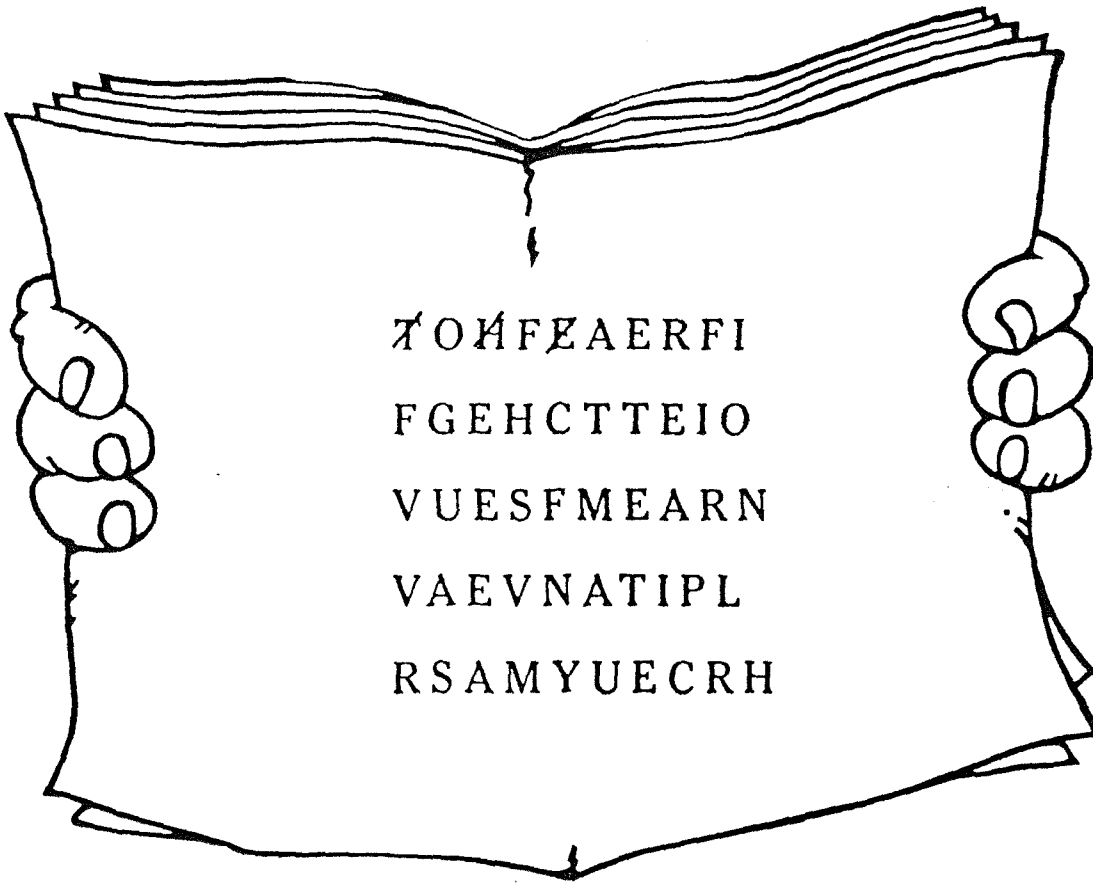
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# How to Pray

The Bible has a message telling us how to pray so our prayers will be answered. To find out what the Bible says, start with the first letter, then select every other letter. Then go back through the Bible passage a second time and start with the *second* letter and take every other letter. Use every letter one time. Write the letters on the blank lines to help you discover the hidden message.



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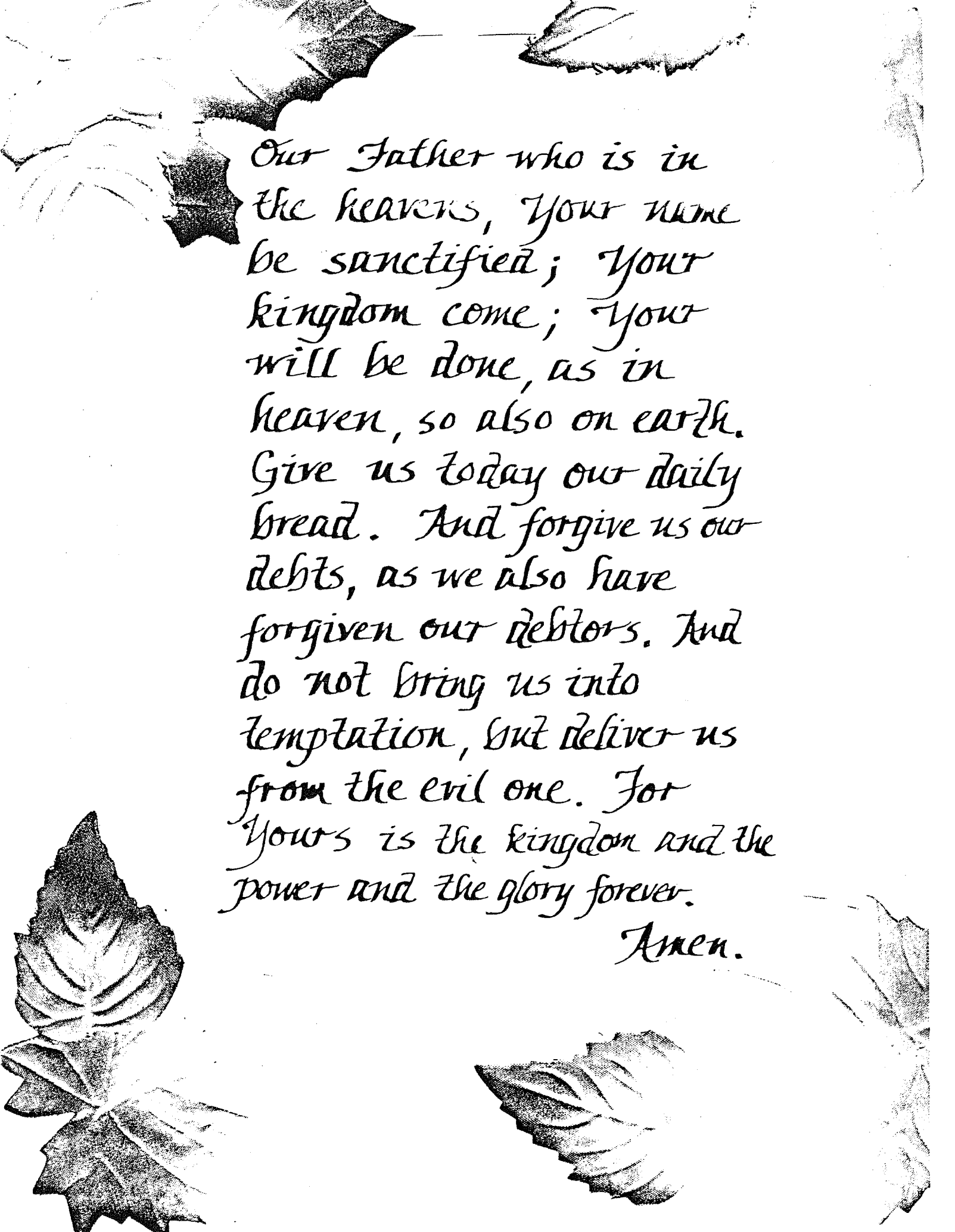
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*James 5:16*

*See answer on puzzle answer page 4.*

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Our Father who is in  
the heavens, Your name  
be sanctified; Your  
kingdom come; Your  
will be done, as in  
heaven, so also on earth.  
Give us today our daily  
bread. And forgive us our  
debts, as we also have  
forgiven our debtors. And  
do not bring us into  
temptation, but deliver us  
from the evil one. For  
Yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever.

Amen.

