## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pattern for prayer, model, illustration?

Personal prayer or corporate?

All of these?

### A pattern or model for us to follow.

- we look outward to God
- we recall His character and His purposes
- we bring our needs before Him
- we recognise our responsibilities
- we look inwards at ourselves

#### We look outward to God

Our Father in heaven

We can call the God who is above all things "Father"

## We recall His character and purposes

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

We bring our needs before Him and we recognise our responsibilities.

Give us today our daily bread.

We recognise our responsibilities.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

## We look inwards at ourselves

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom

And the power

And the glory

For ever and ever

**Amen** 

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And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory For ever and ever **Amen** 

# From the Lord's prayer, as we move towards Communion:

- to forgive and to be forgiven
- to feed on Jesus, the Bread of Life
- to live both in the "now" and also to look forward to the "not yet" of God's Kingdom

### Preparing for Communion:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

"The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us and write these your laws in our hearts we beseech you. Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Father, accept through him, our great high priest, our thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**