



Prayer	Question(s)	Explanation
Our Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is "Father"?</li> <li>• When we say "Our," whom do we mean? Do we mean just the youth/children in the classroom?</li> <li>• Do we mean all the people in our Church? Do we mean only the people in this Country?</li> </ul>	<p>God</p> <p>We mean everyone. Go is the Father to all the billions of people on earth.</p>
Who art in heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does "art" mean?</li> <li>• Where is heaven?</li> </ul>	<p>It is an old way of saying "IS" so we are saying, "Our Father, who is in heaven."</p> <p>Some people think of heaven as up in the sky or up among the stars. That's one way to think of heaven; as a place. You can also think of heaven as being with God. We are with God when we love each other and do the kind things God wants us to do.</p>
Hallowed be thy name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does "hallowed" mean?</li> <li>• What does "thy" mean?</li> </ul>	<p>Hallowed means holy or sacred or saintly</p> <p>This is an old way of saying "YOUR." So we are saying, "God, your name is holy." We respect God's name and say it with reverence (respect). We do not use God's name in anger.</p>
Thy kingdom come	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whose kingdom are we talking about?</li> <li>• What would be different about our world if it were truly God's kingdom?</li> </ul>	<p>We are talking about God's kingdom.</p> <p>No one would be hungry. No one would be poor. Everyone would take care of each other. No one would be excluded. Everyone would love each other. The world would be a beautiful place.</p>
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does "Thy will be done," mean?</li> <li>• Can you think of what God gave us that would help us to do what God wants to be done?</li> </ul>	<p>"Thy will be done," means we live like God wants us to live.</p> <p>The 10 Commandments and his son, Jesus, who came to explain to us how we should live. Jesus said to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself. If we obey the 10 Commandments and do what Jesus told us to do, then God's will be done on earth as it always is in heaven.</p>

Give us this Day our daily Bread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this mean?</li> </ul>	<p>We are asking God to provide for us and make sure we are fed. God, in turn, wants us to care for each other and make sure the poor are fed. We are God's hands on earth.</p>
And forgive us our trespasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you ever seen a sign "No Trespassing"? What does this mean?</li> <li>• Here God is not talking about property; he is talking about trespasses to other people. What do you think this means?</li> </ul>	<p>This means to stay off someone else's property, because you might harm or hurt it.</p> <p>God doesn't want us to harm or hurt people. We can hurt people by saying mean things or by physically hurting them. We can also hurt people by not taking care of them, by not feeding them or giving them clothes or shelter. When we hurt someone, we ask God to forgive us.</p>
As we forgive those who trespass against us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you feel when someone hurts your feelings or hits you?</li> <li>• What does God want us to do?</li> </ul>	<p>Angry</p> <p>God wants us to forgive that person and try to make peace. In the Our Father, we ask God to forgive us—"And forgive us our trespasses"—now God asks us to forgive people who hurt us</p>
And lead us not into temptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is temptation</li> </ul>	<p>Temptation is wanting to do something that you know is wrong. Here is an example. Your mom asks you if your homework is done. It's not done, but you want to go out and play. You are tempted to lie to your mom. You want to lie because you want to play, but you know it is wrong to lie. That's the way temptation is. You have a good choice to make and a bad choice to make, and you want to make the bad choice.</p> <p>We are asking God to help us make good choices and to keep us away from temptation</p>
But deliver us from evil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you name some things that are evil?</li> </ul>	<p>Killing, stealing, lying, cheating, hurting people.</p> <p>God wants us to make good choices. We are praying to God to "deliver us from evil." We want God to protect us from evil and keep us safe.</p>