SUMMARY SHEET ON THE LORD’S PRAYER

**THE OUR FATHER**

1. THE LORD’S PRAYER – WHAT IT IS ABOUT?

It consists of an introduction, 7 requests and a closing praise

THE INTRODUCTION

It reminds us that when we pray we pray to a loving and caring Father:

**Our earthly fathers can fail; our earthly fathers can even be unloving..;**

**However, our Father in heaven will never fail us.**

THE ***SEVEN*** REQUESTS OR PETITIONS

They cover all our needs –

**Physical (PROVISION), emotional (RESTORATION,) and spiritual (GUIDANCE)**

THE CLOSING PRAISE

**It gives all glory and honour to HIM**

1. CONCLUSIONS – WORTHY TO BE REMEMBERED:

1. The requests follow a common ***pattern***:

**EXAMPLE**:

The First Request

Hallowed be your name OR May Your name be holy!

What does this mean?

Of course, God's name is holy in and of itself, but by this

request, we pray that He will make it holy among us, too.

We pray: ***Help us, Heavenly Father, to do this!***

The Second Request

Your Kingdom come.

What does this mean?

Truly God's Kingdom comes by itself, without our prayer.

But **we pray in this request that it come to us as well**.

THIS PATTERN IS APPLIED ALSO IN THE REMAINING REQUESTS

2. The prayer is ***all inclusive***:

**EXAMPLE**:

The Fourth Request

Give us our daily bread today.

What does this mean?

Everything that nourishes our body and meets its needs, such as:

Food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, yard, fields, cattle, money,

possessions, a devout spouse, devout children, devout employees,

devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace,

health, discipline, honour, good friends, faithful neighbours and

other things like these.

3. There is one request that has ***a condition*** to it:

**EXAMPLE**:

The Fifth Request

And forgive our guilt, as we forgive those guilty of sinning against us.

What does this mean?

God grants us forgiveness ***only if we are willing to forgive those who sin against us too***!

4. The Lord’s Prayer holds ***a promise***:

**EXAMPLE**:

Have you talked to God this morning, cast on him the loads you bear; have those worries and resentments been surrendered to his care?

Have your lips confessed your failures, asked for cleansing through and through?

Have you prayed like Job for others with a love sincere and true?

Then look up for blessings coming. They are surely on the way. And for you by God’s arrangement this shall be a happy day!