

I hope you have enjoyed conversations on the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is an extraordinary gift and source of wisdom that teaches us what we most need and how we best can live.

The prayer, with its alignments and assignments, connects who we are (and are becoming) with what we can do. The petitions have profound resonances with each other that can reverberate through and bless our living. They invite us to live with curiosity, creativity, and high aspirations. They invite us to remember others and the impact each life can have for good.

Thinking of the Lord's prayer as a conversation pushes us away from imagining that there is a technique that needs to be mastered in order to get divine attention and what we want. It teaches instead that there is a conversation partner, already committed to us, inviting us into the most important conversations of our life. It also suggests that, because prayer is a conversation, listening is critical.

In a world where we desperately need to learn how to talk with one another, the prayer offers the topics of the most important conversations we can have: conversations on perspective, hope, trust, life, forgiveness and generosity, self-awareness, and gratitude. These topics can elevate our conversations, deepen understanding, create connections and reach across divisions. I hope that you will find using this treasure in building relationships meaningful and powerful.

I welcome your reactions to the study and suggestions for additional questions that could be used for the seven conversations. Send me a message on your reflections on dougaskfletcher.com.

God bless you,

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