

## **Approaches to grasping the depth of the model for prayer in Matthew 6:9-13**

### ***The relationship aspects we have with God:***

“Our Father” – Father-child

“Hallowed be your name” – Deity-worshipper

“Your kingdom come” – Sovereign – Subject

“Your will be done” - Master – servant

“Give us today our daily bread” –Benefactor – beneficiary

“Forgive us our debts” – Savior – sinner

“Lead us not into temptation” – Guide – pilgrim

### ***The spirit in which we are to pray:***

“Our” – an unselfish spirit.

“Father” – a family spirit.

“Hallowed be your name” - a reverent spirit.

“Your kingdom come” – a loyal spirit.

“Your will be done” – a submissive spirit.

“Give us our daily bread” – a dependent spirit.

“Forgive us our debts” – a penitent spirit.

“Lead us not into temptation” – a humble spirit.

### ***Understanding of everything in life flowing from God’s rightful place:***

“hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done.” That’s the glory of God.

“give us our daily bread, forgive us our debts, lead us not into temptation.” That’s man’s need.

### ***The roles of God and the result to us:***

We see God first as a Father – “Our Father, hallowed be your name.”

Then he is a King – “your kingdom come.”

Then he is a Master – “your will be done.”

As a Father he gives us our daily bread.

As a King, he forgives our debts and pardons us.

As a Master, he leads us not into temptation.

### ***The three time dimensions of life:***

Our daily bread – that’s the present

Our debts – that’s sins from the past

Lead us not – that’s the future.

### ***The different aspects of humanity:***

The bread - that’s the physical

Forgiveness – that’s mental/emotional in that it relieves the anguish of guilt

Leading not into temptation – that’s spiritual, maintaining the spiritual life.

### ***The central focus on God:***

Our Father in heaven – that’s God’s paternity.

Hallowed be your name – that’s God’s priority.

Your kingdom come – that’s God’s program.

Your will be done – that’s God’s purpose.

Give us today our daily bread – that’s God’s provision.

Forgive us our debts – that’s God’s pardon.

Lead us not into temptation – that’s God’s protection.

Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, amen – that’s God’s pre-eminence.