

# Unlimitedness

## Praying Unlimited – Part 3

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### Scripture

*"In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven,*

*Hallowed be Your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,*

*As we forgive our debtors.*

*And do not lead us into temptation,*

*But deliver us from the evil one.*

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

*Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV*

### Think About It

A woman in the Bible study group was seriously sick. The group gathered to pray for their friend and the church's prayer warrior led the prayer. "Lord, Ruth is so sick and the doctor says that she needs surgery. Please help her to not be anxious about the procedure. Make sure the doctor is well rested and guide his hands while he performs the surgery. Please eliminate any complications and give her a speedy recovery. I pray that the nurses at the hospital will be attentive to her needs, and surround her with friends and family to encourage her and keep her company while she's away from home. When she returns home I pray that the burden of her regular schedule will be lifted, and that others will provide meals for her family and keep her house in order. We place her care in Your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen."

It was a heartfelt prayer, and I'm sure that God was pleased. More than anything, I'm sure that God just wants us to pray. God's Word says that we should pray for the desires of our heart and I firmly believe that God is interested in all of our desires. However, on this particular day my slight ADD was working on overdrive, and my mind was wandering during the long prayer. After a few sentences I started wondering if it's really necessary to micromanage God. Can't we just ask God to heal Ruth's body and then go to lunch knowing that God has it under control?

The Lord's Prayer isn't really a prayer that the Lord is praying. It's a model for how God's children should pray. Notice that the prayer never tells God how He should take care of the situation. For instance, the prayer asks God to give us our daily bread, but it doesn't tell God how He should go about getting us that bread.

**Can we believe in God's unlimitedness enough to realize that God has ordinary and miraculous ways of handling everything, and if we simply leave the situation completely up to Him we could see Him answer our prayer in a way that we could never fathom?** Can we really believe "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". God's will is already in heaven and I've heard that it's a really great place. I'm sure that earth would be better off with a little more of God's will spread around.

## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Holy is Your name.  
Show us who You are  
Show us what You want  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give me food for my day  
Forgive me  
As I forgive others  
And protect me from harm  
You have all the power and glory.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen