

## Divining Tarot: The Lord's Prayer

The shape of the layout is up to you. I suggest three styles. The up-down or down up linear spread, or some form of the parallel spread, or a circular spread. Each offers symbolic significance to the prayer and cards selected.

### Lord's Prayer

**Salutation:** Our Father, who is in heaven,

"Father" common Jewish address to God, postbiblical, 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: means we belong, are connected. Heaven is very near & far, dear, the center of heart-mind. God is everywhere. Approach with self-emptying. Faith.

**Petition 1.** Hallowed be your Name.

When we speak, for language is a secondary gift of God after the image, our way of directing our mind-heart to God, the name, the words take on the presence of God. Otherwise they are just words. But name God and words carry the presence of God. Speak the truth, trust, forthrightness.

**Petition 2.** Your Kingdom come.

Messianic hope, God's power is our surrender to god's justice and rule. God's reign is already here; it has always been with us, and we realize this when we see beauty everywhere. This means that God's reign is the forward direction of now. Hope. Grounded in now toward the future. Surrender.

**Petition 3.** Your will be done on earth, As it is in heaven.

"Your will, not my will, be done." God's will is identical to God's Love. It is everywhere near and far. This world is a great mirror that reflects divine perfection in whole while still responding to all our particular desires wholesome and not.

As I have loved you love you one another. Jn 13:34 "as above so below": Service is the work of reflection, mirroring.

**Petition 4.** Give us this day our daily bread,

Manna, Eucharist, sustenance, [hunger, need]. Sacred time, the right time: Faith, Eucharist presence, Holy Spirit, peace, joy justice, Light. Abundance= gratitude, clarity, commitment, trust, gratitude.

To give, forgive.

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**Petition 5.** and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us.

Open to receive. Sin is a debt to God. In order to be forgiven one must forgive others. Great commandment. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Lk 10:27

How is the first request of "forgive us our trespasses" and "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" conditionals to the future and to the near at hand of the second "As we forgive them that trespass against us," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."?

**Petition 6.** And lead us not into temptation,

A time of trial, Judgment: Temptation - something that seduces or has the quality to seduce from the right way: temptation is temporary if pay attention to the eternal. It is chronic if we are caught in the temporal. Ego, anger, envy,

Temptation is in craving and envy, to expect of the external world what it is not and cannot be, do not covet, we crave what someone else has. Avoid envy, return desire and passion and yearning to their source.

**Petition 7.** But deliver us from evil.

The result of giving into temptation is to fall into evil ways, ways that deny life and love and adores causing injury and harm, pain and pleasure for themselves alone.

7. But deliver us from evil.

6 and 7 are taken as twin requests, deficiencies at the base of our life on earth, seeking resolve to make a decision of the heart not to follow temptation and as we all to some degree fail, keeps us from the habit of failure, the greater failure of evil that rejoices in destruction, pain and death.

Cultivating pain and failure as my good is evil. Wishing pain and misery on others violates one's own soul.

**Doxology:** For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
Are yours now and forever.

Affirms 1-3 praise God

**Farewell:** Amen.

Whoever does not love, does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8