

## The Lord's Prayer: A Litany

*Leader:* Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Members:** Help us to always remember that you are Holy and Creator of all. Nothing is ours to keep. All adoration is for you alone.

*Leader:* Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Members:** Remind us again and again that your kingdom came to us in Jesus and that your perfect will is for all to share in the riches, privileges and mandates of the kingdom on earth as in heaven.

*Leader:* Give us this day our daily bread.

**Members:** And give us compassion to share daily life-giving bread with those who are suffering from physical and spiritual hunger.

*Leader:* Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Members:** We confess and repent from our sin of self-centeredness, where individualism and the accumulation of material wealth has become the norm at the expense of those who go without and have need. Forgive our lukewarm walk and give us a brand-new start.

*Leader:* And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Members:** Deliver us from the temptation of making luxury into need and from allowing earthly systems to lull us into ineffective faith and content living through mere acts of self-gratifying charity.

*Leader:* For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

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