# The Earth's Prayer

A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Complement to the Lord's Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen."

The Lord's Prayer, also known as the Our Father or Pater noster, is perhaps the best-known prayer on earth. Matthew describes Jesus as instructing people to pray *after the manner* of this prayer. Taking into account the prayer's structure, flow of subject matter and emphases, one interpretation of the Lord's Prayer is as a guideline on how to pray rather than something to be learned and repeated by rote.

## **Inspiration: Europe Trip 2009**

- Art, Culture and Religion are alive and central to daily life
- The Lord's Prayer has always personally moved me as the "perfect prayer"
- Rather than even attempt to outdo perfection, given a world view that extends beyond Christianity, coupled with current Eco-Consciousness, could one take the essence of the prayer and extend its reach and impact to a larger audience?

## Explanation

Our Mother, who is here on Earth

- Heaven & Earth or Heaven ON Earth?
- Transient v. Imminent world view's i.e.. God is *out* there v. God is *in* here.
- Is Heaven a place we end up if we are good, or is Heaven on Earth a condition of our own making..
- Embracing the Divine Feminine

Timeless may you
 reign and may we
 never take your
 compassion for
 granted.

- Revisit your relationship to time
- Is infinity-the absence
   of now, or the presence
   of now/forever
   (eternity)
- Subservience to the infinite & Servant to a legacy

■ The time is now

- Creating a sense of urgency
- The promise of a better tomorrow & the creation of a better today

your spirit beserved, with ourfull intention andenergy

- Fostering a spirit of accountability
- Will v. Spirit
- Humility to a Higher Purpose
- The Power of Intention

- to create a PlanetEarth as abundantand blessed asHeaven
- Heaven on Earth
- Sustainable Abundance

Give each persontoday, their dailygrain so no onegoes hungry

- Poverty of the body, mind and spirit
- Grain is a universal staple
- No Zero sum games of BioFuel v. Feeding the Poor

and affirm ourinherent goodnessto care for oneanother

- A loving God not an angry God
- We all have defects but let's focus on the qualities and character that counts
- Our Cup is half full not half empty

- as we give thanks for those who today in their actions put the collective good ahead of personal self interest and remind us to do the same
- Attitude of Gratitude instead of asking for Forgiveness
- Embrace the
  Abundance Principle
  not Scare City
- Correct Identification of "self"

And inspire us in all things to maximize our potential for the greatest good

- Focus on the Goal
- Our subconscious does not do well with negatives

as we preserveand protect thelegacy we leavefor futuregenerations

- Stewardship
- Accountability for our Collective Actions

- For this is our planet, with problems and possibilities, to do with what we can in the time we have got
- Planetary Awareness
- Interdependencies
- Short window in which we will seal our fate and create the future (our lifespan)

Now is forever.Aum, Peace, Amen

- The eternal now
- All inclusive, nondenominational peace in this moment

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Our Mother, who is here on Earth, Timeless may you reign and may we never take your compassion for granted. The time is now, your spirit be served, with our full intention and energy to create a Planet Earth as abundant and blessed as Heaven. Give each person today their daily grain so no one goes hungry, and affirm our inherent goodness to care for one another, as we give thanks for those who today in their actions put the collective good ahead of personal self interest and remind us to do the same. Inspire us in all things to maximize our potential for the greatest good as we preserve and protect the legacy we leave for future generations. For this is our planet, with problems and possibilities, to do with what we can in the time we have got. Now is forever. Aum, Peace, Amen