

#### **How should we pray?**

Jesus recommended the "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9-13) for our prayer. We must be careful not to simply parrot it. It is a good structure and order for our prayer:

#### "Our Father in heaven"

We may also worship Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2).

#### "Your name be honoured"

Here we can praise Jesus and our Father in heaven with our own words.

#### "May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

At this point we pray for the return of Jesus and for the church, relatives, mission agencies, governments and Israel.

## "Give us today our daily bread."

Here you can ask/thank for your own concerns.

## "And forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us."

Only at this point do we ask for forgiveness of our quilt and also forgive our "enemies".

## "Keep us from sinning when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one."

Here we pray for the spiritual struggle of our sinful nature and in the world.

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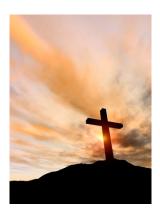
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On the way with Jesus

A life with Jesus Christ

our Lord





#### Who is Jesus?

Jesus is God's Son who came into the world as Saviour and not as Judge. He wants to save you from the terrible judgements and hell. To do this, he had to pay for your guilt on the cross of Golgotha about 2000 years ago. He died for you so that he could give you eternal life. One prayer is enough to accept Jesus' offer. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus lives!

John 3,16: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."

John 14,6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## **Serving Jesus out of gratitude**

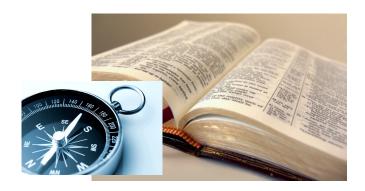
Out of gratitude for salvation we serve Jesus. This can be services in the congregation, donations for the congregation and mission works or visits to the sick and elderly.

#### Love God and your neighbour

1. John 4,8: "Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

#### Jesus confess

We pass on the good news of Jesus to our neighbors.



#### **Spending time with Jesus**

Jesus is our Lord and Savior, whom we love because He saved us. We have an intense relationship with him and there is nothing better than spending time with him. For this purpose, we pray to him and discuss all the things of everyday life and living. We read his precious word, the Bible. Throughout the day we make contact with Jesus again and again.

# Community with other Christians Matthew 18,20: "Where two or three people gather in my name, I am there with them."

This is a great mystery, that we are children of God. We are brothers and sisters in a new heavenly family where Jesus is the head. Jesus will be in the midst of us when we meet in home groups or in worship. If the longing for the fellowship with the brothers and sisters in faith diminishes, we need to review our life with Jesus.

#### Jesus is our Lord

Galater 2,20a: "I have been crucified with Christ. I don't live any longer, but Christ lives in me."

When we became a Christian, a change of dominion took place. Satan left our heart and the Holy Spirit entered our heart. The loving Lord Jesus, who did everything for you, lives in you through the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more ardent than the desire to submit all areas of life, from our plans and finances to our sexuality, to Jesus.



## The Holy Spirit lives in you

1. Corinthians 6, 19: "Don't you know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit? The Spirit is in you, and you have received the Spirit from God. You do not belong to yourselves."

What a fascination that in our body lives the Holy Spirit given to us by God. Our body does not belong to us! We do not need to be afraid of the Holy Spirit, because he is a childlike spirit who comforts and helps us. He will transform us into the image of Jesus and explain God's Word. He exposes the sin in your life and helps us to change.

#### **The Lord's Supper**

In the Lord's Supper we remember the new covenant in Jesus Christ and proclaim the death of Jesus until He comes again (1 Corinthians 11:23-34).

#### Jesus is coming again

When we pray and think about Jesus' return, we get a glimpse of the heavenly future and are not caught up with this world.

#### **Unique Israel**

Israel we want to bless because it is the people of God. Isaiah 40:1:"Comfort my people,' says your God. 'Comfort them."

#### Jesus and dying

Jesus accompanies us even in the hour of death. Paul says in Philippians 1:21 "For me, life finds all its meaning in Christ. Death also has its benefits."