

What is the Significance of the Lord's Prayer for the Church Today?

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Abstract

The brevity and simplicity of the language used in the Lord's Prayer almost conceals the scope and significance of its theology for faith and practice. Themes such as the Fatherhood of God, the uniqueness of his name, the nature of God's kingdom, his daily spiritual and material provision, reconciliation through forgiveness, deliverance from evil and the omnipotence of God are all encapsulated in this prayer.

In an age when it seems foundational Christian truths are often unknown or dismissed one of the challenges facing the Church is how to promote the core facts of the gospel in meaningful and relevant ways. Church history suggests that the Lord's Prayer was used in this way. This paper explores if, and how, the prayer continues to influence the faith and practice of the church.