

# Alternative Versions of the Lord's Prayer

## **THE MESSAGE, 2002**

Our Father in heaven,  
Reveal who you are.  
Set the world right;  
Do what's best –  
As above, so below.  
Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.  
You're in charge!  
You can do anything you want!  
You're ablaze in beauty!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.

## **FROM 'HUMAN RITES' BY WARD AND WILD**

Beloved,  
our Father and Mother,  
in whom is heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
followed be your royal way,  
done be your will and rule,  
throughout the whole creation.  
With the bread we need for today,  
feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In the times of temptation and test,  
Strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure,  
spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil,  
free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is  
love,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.

## **NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK**

Eternal Spirit  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through  
the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the  
peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

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Amen.

## **MARK BERRY – EMERGING CHURCH MOVEMENT/RETRANSLATION (FROM THE ARAMAIC)**

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!  
Release a space to plant your Presence here.  
Imagine your possibilities now.  
Embody your desire in every light and form.  
Grow through us this moment's bread and  
wisdom.

Untie the knots of failure binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others  
faults.

Help us not forget our Source,  
Yet free us from not being in the Present.  
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song  
from gathering to gathering.

Amen –

May our future actions grow from here!

## **PARKER J. PALMER**

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days –  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the

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mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One.

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Our mother,  
which art the earth,  
Nurturing are thy ways.  
Thy web of life be woven  
Thy way be found within,  
As it is all around.

Thank you this day for our daily bread and sweat,  
and forgive us our misuse of you,  
as we forgive others their misuse of us.

And lead us not into exploitation,  
But deliver us  
From lording it over you,  
And over each other,  
And over all our other fellow creatures.

For thine are the waters of life,  
The hills, valleys and plains of home,  
The breeding, seeding, feeding ground,  
For now, and for as close to forever  
As we will ever come.

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Ah, woman!

Our Father, Mother,  
who are in the world and surpass the world,

Blessed be your presence,  
in us, in animals and flowers,  
in still air and wind.

May justice and peace dwell among us,  
as you come to us.

Your will be our will;

You will that we be sisters and brothers,

as bread is bread, water is itself,

For our hunger, for quenching of thirst.

Forgive us.

We walk crookedly in the world,  
are perverse, and fail of our promise.

But we would be human,  
if only you consent to stir up our hearts.

Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER from the Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, KS**

Prayed with alternating sides ...

<i>Side 1:</i>	<i>Side 2:</i>
Our Father	Our Mother
Who art in heaven	Who are in all the earth
Hallowed be thy name	Holy is your truth
Thy kingdom come	May your wisdom come
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven	Your circle be one uniting heaven and earth
Give us this day our daily bread	Give us today a nurturing spirit
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us	Heal through us as we ourselves are healed
Lead us not into temptation	Lead us into Fullness of life
But deliver us from evil	And liberate all that is good
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory	For the Wisdom, the Presence and the Goodness are Yours

*All: Now and forever.*

Amen.