

OUR FATHER

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The Lord's prayer could suffer from this

So let us look again

Father hallowed be you name.

To name God the creator of the stars and sky's, Father, is to form a wholly different notion of reality.

To respect the Father is to recognise the love

To appreciate that love is to view creation as good

To see this life as the Fathers gift is to face the challenges with the conviction that it is worth the struggle

Your Kingdom come

To perceive the kingdom of the Father is to recognise a Kingdom of justice

To understand that justice, is to consider the person and nature of Jesus Christ

To accept that nature is to be obliged to accept my part in the establishment of justice

To hope and to act, not as a consequence of results, but simply because I believe it to be true

Give us this day our daily bread

For those who have never known hunger this is a difficult statement to appreciate.

The humility of my vulnerability

The liberation of eating enough

The recognition that my sisters and brothers the poor are hungry. This is real.

Forgive us our sins

The hardest person to forgive is yourself. Forgive and begin

The consequence of the anger at another traps you in bitterness. Forgive, let go, and be free

Your propensity for self-loathing inhibits your love of others. Forgive and use what you have.

That cynicism for the world limits your capacity to live the gifts. Forgive and enjoy what is there

And lead us not into temptation

To trust in the Father is to be beyond the arrogance of self-righteous judgement

To be free in Christian love is to recognise the cross

To recognise the cross is to be stronger in the face of self-deception, of denial

To call for help in this place, is to recognise I am a child of God, and not God itself.

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