Alternative versions of the Lord's Prayer Collected from various sources March 2010

(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.

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 times of temptation and test.

In 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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MARK BERRY – EMERGING CHURCH MOVEMENT

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

mercy:

Forever your name is All in One.

RETRANSLATION (FROM THE ARAMAIC)

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LORD'S PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR MS. WENDY LYONS

Our Father, who art in heaven, slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth, *Hallowed be thy Name*.

Remind us that "all the nations are as nothing before thee," their governments but a shadow of passing age; Thy kingdom come on earth.

Grant to thy children throughout the world, and especially to the leaders of the nations, the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer:

that following the example of our Lord, we may discern what is right, and do it; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, by the tragedy of war:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it,"

and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to make peace. "We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves"; Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation; Let us not delight in victory, but in justice; Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;

Lead us not into temptation.

Be present to all thy children ravaged by war: Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed; Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing and to the loved ones of those who are being killed; Deliver us from evil.

Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate, and forbid us arrogance in victory; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

ANDREW JONES: A BLOGGERS PRAYER

Our Father

who lives above and beyond the dimension of the internet

Give us this day a life worth blogging, The access to words and images that express our journey with passion and integrity, And a secure connection to publish your daily mercies.

Your Kingdom come into new spaces today, As we make known your mysteries, Posting by posting, Blog by blog.

Give this day,

The same ability to those less privileged, Whose lives speak louder than ours, Whose sacrifice is greater, Whose stories will last longer.

Forgive us our sins,

For blog-rolling strangers and pretending they are friends,

For counting unique visitors but not noticing unique people,

For delighting in the thousands of hits but ignoring the ONE who returns,

For luring viewers but sending them away empty handed,

For updating daily but repenting weekly.

As we forgive those who trespass on our sites to appropriate our thoughts without reference, Our images without approval, Our ideas without linking back to us.

Lead us not into the temptation to sell out our congregation,

To see people as links and not as lives, To make our blogs look better than our actual story.

But deliver us from the evil of pimping ourselves instead of pointing to you,
From turning our guests into consumers of

someone else's products, From infatuation over the toys of technology, From idolatry over techology

From fame before our time has come.

For Yours is the power to guide the destinies behind the web logs,

To bring hurting people into the sanctuaries of our sites.

To give us the stickiness to follow you, no matter who is watching or reading. Yours is the glory that makes people second look our sites and our lives, Yours is the heavy ambience,

For ever and ever, Amen

KITCHEN MOTHER VERSION GEORGE ELLA LYON

Our Mother Who Art in the kitchen cooking us up hallowed may we see all that is Your kingdom here delivered into our hands Your will in children and trees leaping out on earth as if it were Heaven.

Give us this day bread we could feed the world and snatch us bald-headed if we try to swallow it all.

Don't forgive us till we learn it is all for giving. That salve you've got in a pot on the back of the stove only heals when everybody has some.

And heed us not if we believe You look like us and love us best and gave us the True Truth with a license to kill Others writ inside.

Deliver us from this evil.

for it is Yours, this kitchen we call Universe where you stir up our favorite treat, the Milky Way, folding deep into sweet our little sphere with its powerful glory of rainforests and oceans and mountains in feather-boa mist forever if we don't blow it up and ever if we don't tear it down Amen (Ah women Ah children Ah reckon She's about fed up. We better make room at the table for everybody before She yells - OUT! and turns our table over, before She calls it off this banquet we've been hoarding this paradise

we aim to save

with bombs.)

EARTH DANCE based on the Lord's

Prayer published in Minnesota Women's Press, December 1999 Author thought to be Karen Loveland, as member of Unity Church, Santa Rosa, CA Passed on in 2000 by Nancy Carroll

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. 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.

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The Lord's Prayer

(from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas)

Prayed with alternating sides...

Side 1: Side 2:

Our Father Our Mother

Who art in heaven Who are in all the earth

Hallowed be they name Holy is your truth

Thy kingdom come May your wisdom come

Thy will be done, on earth

Your circle be one uniting

as it is in heaven heaven and earth

Give us this day our daily bread Give us today a nurturing

spirit

And forgive us our trespasses Heal through us as we as we forgive those who trespass ourselves are healed

against us

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, For the Wisdom, the power and the glory

Presence and the Goodness are Yours

All: Now and forever

Amen.