Once when Martin Luther was getting a haircut, his barber asked him to describe his regular morning times of prayer. Martin answered him and later wrote an extensive letter explaining his answer. If you Google "Martin Luther's barber" you will be ale to see that letter because it has been printed as a booklet entitled ***A Simple Way to Pray.***

The portion of his prayer plan that relates to the Lord's Prayer is as follows:

Each morning he would pray through each line of the Lord's Prayer in four different ways. **First** he would ask the Lord to teach him the meaning of that particular line. **Next** he would spend time in adoration, thanksgiving, and worship because of the truth of that line. **Third** he would pray prayers of confession and repentance based upon the truth of that line. **Finally** he would pray the specific request.

This process can give you at least 32 fresh ways to pray from the Lord's Prayer.

The chart on the inside of this brochure gives you an idea of how this may look. Down the left-hand side are the key lines of the Lord's Prayer. Across the top from left to right are key words summarizing the four ways Martin Luther prayed.

The open cells are intentional. They represent prayers that can be prayed from each line (on the left) in one of the four ways (across the top). They are there for you to fill in as you pray.

There are many ways you can pray from each line or cell. For example, a prayer from the third line down (Your kingdom) and the second column in (adoration, thanksgiving, worship) could be: "Father, thank You for transferring me out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of Your dear Son!"

As you consider this chart, you may pray each row from left to right, or you may pray down each column. You may even pray it diagonally, or be completely random. And you don't need to pray it all through in one setting.

These thoughts are expanded from the book ***Living Prayer; The Lord's Prayer Alive in You,*** by Dennis Fuqua. They are presented here with the desire to help you take the words of this prayer far more seriously than you ever have before.

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Martin Luther's Method of Praying the Lord's Prayer

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	As Instruction	As adoration, thanksgiving, worship	As confession and repentance	As a personalized request
Our Father in Heaven				
Let Your Name Be Holy				
Let Your Kingdom Come				
Let Your Will be Done				
Give us this day our daily bread				
Forgive us as we forgive our debtors				
Let us not into temptation				
Deliver us from the evil one				