

# Readings from the Word of God

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### **The Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6:9-15)**

Our Father, who art in the heavens hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

O Lord, forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Amen.

### ***Secrets of Heaven §6476***

Whenever I have been reading the Lord's Prayer, I have plainly perceived an elevation toward the Lord which was like an attraction, and at the same time my ideas were open, and from this there was effected a communication with some societies in heaven. And I noticed that there was an inflowing from the Lord into every detail of the Prayer, thus into every idea of my thought that was from the meaning of the things in the Prayer. The inflowing was effected with inexpressible variety, that is, not the same at one time as another. From this it was also made evident how infinite are the things contained in the Prayer, and that the Lord is present in every one of them.

## ***Heaven and Hell §4***

All little children... are led first into an acknowledgment and belief that the Lord is their father. Later they are brought into an acknowledgment and belief that he is Lord of all, which means God of heaven and earth.

## **Micah 2:10 (NKJV)**

Have we not all one Father?

Has not one God created us?

Why do we deal treacherously with one another...?

## ***True Christianity §306***

In the spiritual meaning, honouring your father and your mother refers to revering and loving God and the church. In this sense “father” means God—the Father of all—and “mother” means the church.

## ***Secrets of Heaven §2009:2***

...[B]y “name” is... [meant] all things of love and faith; for these are God’s or the Lord’s, and are from Him. And as these are holy, the Lord’s kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as in the heavens when they are held to be so.

## ***Apocalypse Explained §48***

“Thy kingdom come” is a prayer that truth may be received; “Thy will be done,” that it may be received by those who do God’s will....

## ***Apocalypse Explained §295:3***

Because a person's will is his love, and God's will is the Divine love,... in the spiritual sense by "doing the will of God" and "the will of the Father," [means]... to love God above all things, and the neighbour as oneself. And because to love is to will, so it is also to do.... Therefore "doing the will of God" or "of the Father" means doing His commandments, or living according to them from the affection of love or charity.

## **Luke 22:41-42 (NKJV)**

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."