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 **Thy kingdom come**—Lord, You are the earth’s future King and omnipotent Ruler, who has a wonderful future for His believers. What a blessed expectation to know that all the wrong around me will someday be made right. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

 **Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven**—My loving Master, I am at Your service; to please You is my greatest desire; to serve You is my greatest privilege; to obey You is my honored duty and my reasonable service (Rom. 12:1-2).

 **Give us this day our daily bread**—Thank You, Lord, for meeting every daily need that I have. Having Christ, I lack nothing (Heb. 13:5-6). Worry is totally unnecessary and is an insult to my God who provides all.

 **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors**—For Christ’s sake You have graciously forgiven all my sins which are many and which are great. Grant that in the same manner I might graciously forgive those who have wronged me.

 **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**—keep me on the path of righteousness that I would not sin against the God I love and bring shame to Your Name.

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