Alternative versions of the Lord’s Prayer Collected from various sources

(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. Yes.

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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, 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.

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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. 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, 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.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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**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 technology 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

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**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.)

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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.
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Dear One, closer to us than our own
hearts, farther from us than the most
distant star, you are beyond naming.

May your powerful presence become
obvious not only in the undeniable
glory of the sky, but also in the
seemingly base and common
processes of the earth.

Give us what we need, day by day, to
keep body and soul together, because
clever as you have made us, we still
owe our existence to you.

We recognize that to be reconciled
with you, we must live peaceably and
justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us.

We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair.

Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. (Progressive Christianity) Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us; Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder. Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us; Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.

May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety. Overlook our many stupidities, and help us to release everyone from their stupidities. May we all know that we are accepted. Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best, always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence. And we celebrate the gifts you have given us – the rich kingdom of life’s possibilities the power to do good and the triumphs of good and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything. You are life’s richness. You are life’s power. You are life’s ultimate meaning –Amen. 

Francis Macnab in “The Historical Jesus Goes to Church”

Eternal Spirit,
Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion. May we find the bread that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive. In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us. May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever. Amen. (Tom Hall)

Loving Creator
we honor you,
and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need,
in this world and in the world to come.

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God so holy, full of grace, make the world a better place.
Give us the food we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray.
Help us always to do good, and love others, like we should.
God we love you; we are yours.
Swing wide open heaven's doors. Amen.