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- ❹ Material **Provision**  
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- ❺ Forgiveness of **OUR Sins**  
As we also have forgiven...Matthew 6:14-15/ Mark 11:24-25/ Colossians 3:13
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## Food for Thought

For the week of March 28, 2010  
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

As we finish up our series on Faith and Prayer, we've designed this Food for Thought to give you some practical guidelines for your prayer life.

The following guide is intended to help you use the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for your own prayer life. You'll have the best success using this guide if you find a place where you won't be distracted for 5 to 15 minutes. Read the passage and then use the comments that follow to guide you as you pray.

**Read Matthew 6:9 and pray for God's reputation** – Thank God for who He is and for His character qualities – love, grace, forgiveness, power, etc. (You can use Psalm 33 & 34 as references here.)

**Read Matthew 6:10 and pray for kingdom expansion and God's will** – Pray for any missionaries you know and for your part in helping God's kingdom grow. Ask God that His will be done in your life and in the lives of others. Ask Him to reveal any specific agendas, motives or actions you may need to change with your family, at work, with your friends, with personal goals, etc.

**Read Matthew 6:11 and pray for provision** – Ask God for any specific needs you have at this time (physical, relational, financial, etc.).

**Read Matthew 6:12 and pray for forgiveness of sins** – Is there anything you need to confess and ask forgiveness for? Is there anyone you need to forgive? Thank God for His forgiveness in your life.

**Read Matthew 6:13 and pray for protection** – Ask God to help you avoid temptation (name any specific temptations you're facing) and to flee from it when it comes. Ask Him to protect you from the attacks of the Enemy.