

The Lord's Prayer is Dangerous

I cannot say OUR, if I live in a watertight spiritual compartment...

I cannot say FATHER, if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life...

I cannot say WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up treasure there...

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME, if I, who am called by His name, am not seeking His help to be holy...

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE, if I am resentful of, or disobedient to, His will for me...

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, if I am so engrossed with the business of this world forget the Great Giver, or others hunger...

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESSPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESSPASS AGAINST US, if I harbour a grudge against anyone...

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPATATION, if I deliberately place myself, or remain, in apposition where I am likely to be tempted...

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL, if I am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer...

I cannot say THINE IS THE KINGDOM if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject...

I cannot say THINE IS THE GLORY, if I am seeking the glory for myself...

I cannot say FOR EVER AND EVER, if my horizon is bounded by the things of time...

I cannot say AMEN, if I do not also add, 'Cost what it may', For to say this prayer honestly will cost everything!