

Making a Mural of the Lord's Prayer

There is a wonderful depth of meaning in the Lord's Prayer (see Matthew 6:9-13). As we move through childhood and into adulthood, we will understand the prayer in different ways. And this is just the beginning, for the Lord will help us get more and more from this prayer as we grow spiritually—to eternity. Making a mural of the Lord's Prayer presents some challenges because this involves illustrating the meaning in a pictorial way.

Suggested Materials (if making your own illustrations):

paper (long piece or smaller sheets of paper assembled together)
colored markers, colored pencils, crayons, or watercolor paints
pencils to sketch ideas

Suggested Materials (if using clip art or pictures from magazines):

paper (long piece or smaller sheets of paper assembled together)
magazines to cut up for pictures
OR computer clipart (such as a loaf of bread, hands folded in prayer, etc.)
scissors
tape or glue

Procedure:

1. If you are making a mural of the Lord's Prayer on your own, think about which phrases you will illustrate. If you are making a group mural (as a family or a group of students), divide the Prayer so that each person is illustrating a different part.
2. Think about how you will illustrate one or more different parts of the Prayer. Try to brainstorm the possibilities first, and then select the one that you like best. For example, for "give us this day our daily bread" you could choose to picture a loaf of bread or show the Lord breaking bread with His disciples or draw the open Word giving a person spiritual nourishment.
3. When you figure out how you want to illustrate what this part of the Lord's Prayer means to you, draw a picture or find a picture in a magazine that you can cut out and glue to the mural.
4. Use a computer to print the text (portion of the Prayer) for each illustration and attach these to the mural. Or use a pen or marker to supply the text for each section.
5. Optional: You may also want to write your reflections on the meaning of the prayer and attach these to the mural as well.
6. Assemble the parts of the mural and display.

The Lord's Prayer

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 temptations, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.