



Praying the Lord’s Prayer

Here’s an example of how the Lord’s Prayer can guide your prayers:

Our Father

Thank you for adopting me into your family.

who is

Thank you, my Lord, for being a God of the present tense:

my Jehovah-jireh (the God who provides),

my Jehovah-raah (the caring Shepherd),

my Jehovah-shalom (the Lord is peace),

my Jehovah-rophe (the God who heals),

and my Jehovah-nissi (Lord, my banner).

in heaven,

Your workshop of creation reminds me: If you can make the skies, you can make sense out of my struggles.

Hallowed be thy name.

Be holy in my heart.

You are a “cut above” all else.

Enable me to set my sights on you.

Thy kingdom come,

Come kingdom!

Be present, Lord Jesus!

Have free reign in every corner of my life.

Thy will be done,

Reveal your heart to me, dear Father.

Show me my role in your passion.

Grant me guidance in the following decisions ...

On earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you that you silence heaven to hear my prayer.

On my heart are the ones you love.

I pray for ...

Give us this day our daily bread.

I accept your portion for my life today.

I surrender the following concerns regarding my well-being ...

Forgive us our debts,

earn or add to your mercy.
I confess my sins to you ...

As we also have forgiven our debtors;

Treat me, Father, as I treat others.
Have mercy on the following friends
who have wounded me ...

Lead us not into temptation,

Let my small hand be engulfed in yours.
Hold me, lest I fall.
I ask for special strength regarding ...

Our Father ... give us ... forgive us ... lead us

Let your kindness be on all your church.
I pray especially for ministers near
and missionaries far away.

Thine—not mine—is the kingdom,

I lay my plans at your feet.

Thine—not mine—is the power,

I come to you for strength.

Thine—not mine—is the glory,

I give you all the credit.

Forever. Amen.

Thine—not mine—is the power. Amen.

From “The Great House of God.”

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Spill Your Heart Before God

As a member of God’s family, come to Him—not as a stranger, but as an heir. Earnestly make your requests known to him; not because of what you have

achieved, but because of what Christ has done! Jesus spilled his blood for you. You can spill your heart before God.

Jesus said if you have faith, you can tell a mountain to go and jump into the sea (Mark 11:23). What is your mountain? What is the challenge of your life? Call out to God for help! Will he do what you want? I cannot say, but this I can say, “He will do what is best.” That includes any force that is seeking to drive you out of the Promised Land. “Ask and it will be given to you,” Jesus said in Matthew 7:7. It is a battle, but you do not fight in vain. Call on God for great things!

From “Glory Days.”

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Mississippi Highway Patrol enters AAST Best Looking Cruiser Contest

Press Release

The Mississippi Highway Patrol is participating in the 2020 American Association of State Troopers Best Looking Cruiser Contest and is asking for public support by voting.

This year’s entry features an MHP Honor Guard Dodge Charger photographed in front of the Mississippi Fallen Officers Memorial Wall in honor of the men and woman who have

made the ultimate sacrifice for our state.

The public can go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T9XVPN3> or the AAST Facebook page to vote. The winning entry will be featured on the cover of the AAST 2021 calendar with the top 12 finishers earning a spot on the calendar.

“We hope that everyone will support the MHP entry into the AAST Best Looking Cruiser Contest,” said Colo-

nel Randy Ginn, Director of MHP. “This year’s photo not only reminds us of the commitment and service of the men and women of our department, but also pays tribute to the law enforcement officers of our state who have given their lives in service to a grateful state. believe this photo represents our state very well.”

Voting ends Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. eastern standard time.



AAST BEST Cruiser

Gov. Reeves signs major property act into law, protecting families

Press Release

On July 1, Governor Tate Reeves signed the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA) into law, marking a major victory for Mississippi’s families. The bill, sponsored by state Senators Barbara Blackmon, David Blount, David Jordan, Robert Jackson, Angela Turner-Ford, Sollie Norwood, Derrick Simmons, John Hohrn, Sampson Jackson II, Sarita Simmons, and Tammy Witherspoon and state Representatives Ed Blackmon and Solomon Osborne, helps protect the transfer of wealth between generations of families pass without a will or other estate planning. Because a majority of low-income and minority Mississippians are less likely engage in any form of estate planning, this law will help transfer wealth among many people who need it the most.

The provisions within the UPHPA, championed by social justice and housing advocates, promise to help diminish systemic inequities. In a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the prevalence of heirs’ property is disproportionately high among low-income households, as well as racial and ethnic minority groups. 72% of non-white adults—and 55% of all adults—do not have wills, meaning the UHPHA will benefit many Mississippi-

ans who have historically been left behind. For many decades, large numbers of disadvantaged families in Mississippi, including a disproportionate number of African American families, have had their heirs’ property forcibly sold as a result of an unjust property law known as partition law.

Mississippi, like many other Southern states, is full of land that has been passed down from generation to generation without adhering to state land laws, making dozens of relatives co-owners of the land. Any individual owner can sell their fractional interest in the property, and the owner of any part of a parcel of land can demand a partition, or division of the property in court. The UPHPA requires a family member to offer their portion to other family members before selling it to a non-family member, and it requires a fair market sale of property if a partition occurs. These changes to existing law will protect family members from losing their land to strangers and from getting diminished value from family land if it is sold.

“I have had many clients who are devastated when they are forced to sell family land because a developer has acquired a fractional piece of the property. The UPHPA will give them the security they need to hang

on to valued family land,” said Beth Orlansky, advocacy director at the Mississippi Center for Justice. Untangling title disputes when nothing has been done for several generations is time-consuming and expensive. Thanks to a grant from the Bank of America Settlement Funds Grant Program administered by the Mississippi Bar Foundation, Inc., beginning in January, 2021, the Mississippi Center for Justice will have the capacity to represent families whose income is less than 3 times the federal poverty level in determining heirs and bringing land title up to date.

With Governor Reeves’ signature, Mississippi joins 17 other states and the U.S. Virgin Islands that have enacted the UPHPA. Southern states have led the way with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia enacting UPHPA.

Mississippi organizations who have promoted the UPHPA include the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives, Winston County Self Help Cooperative, Square O Consulting, Mississippi Center for Justice, 1890/1862 Institutions in Mississippi, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Ducks Unlimited, MS Forestry Association, and Mississippi Farm Bureau.

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