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PRAYING THROUGH MATTHEW

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In this reading, the phrases of the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6.9–13) resound throughout the Gospel. As configured here, a narrator (N) words the phrases of the Lord's Prayer and two other readers (1 and 2) read the echoes from elsewhere in Matthew.

$1 \sim Our Father$

Ν	Our Father
1	"Lord."
2	"God."
1	"Lord God."
2	"Lord of heaven and earth."
N, 1, 2	5

2 ~ Who art in heaven

Ν	Our Father, who art in heaven	
1	"Suddenly the heavens were opened to him	
2	and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.	
1	And a voice from heaven said,	
2	'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.''' $(3.16-17)$	
Ν	"They shall call him Emmanuel,	
1, 2	'God is with $us.'''$ (1.23)	

3 ~ Hallowed be thy name

	Ν	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy <u>name</u> .	
	1	"Worship the Lord your God,	
	N	Hallowed be <u>thy</u> name.	
	2	and serve only him." (4.10)	
	Ν	Hallowed <u>be</u> thy name.	
	1	"No one can serve two masters.	
	Ν	<u>Hallowed</u> be thy name.	
	2	You cannot serve God and wealth." (6.24)	
4 ~ Thy kingdom come			
	Ν	Thy kingdom come	
	1	"Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near." (3.2; 4.17)	
	N	Thy kingdom come	

IN	Thy kingdom come.	
2	"Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness."	(6.33)

N Thy kingdom come.

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- "Many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." (8.11)
- N Thy kingdom come.
- 2 "Whoever becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
- (18.4)

- N Thy kingdom come.
- 1 "This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world,

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2	as a testimony to all the nations." (24.14)			
5 ~ T	5 ~ Thy will be done			
N 1	Thy kingdom come, <u>thy will be done on earth</u>, as it is in heaven. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (7.21)			
N 2 1	Thy will be done on earth. <i>"Bear fruit worthy of repentance."</i> (3.8) <i>"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."</i> (4.19)			
2 N 1	"Let your light shine before others." (5.16) Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." (7.24)			
2	"It is not the will of my Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost." (18.14)			
6~0	Give us this day our daily bread			
N 1	Give us this day our daily bread <i>"Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be <u>given</u> to you as well." (6.33)</i>			
2	"Ask and it will be <u>given</u> to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.			
1	If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven <u>give</u> good things to those who ask him? (7.7, 11)			
Ν	Give us this day			
2	"Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." (6.28)			
1	"If God so clothes the grass of the field, will he not much more clothe you? (6.30)			
Ν	Give us this day			
2	"Your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (6.6)			
1	"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (6.8)			
N	Give us this day our daily bread.			
2	"A person does not live by bread alone, but he grant word that source from the mouth of Cod " (4.4)			
1	but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (4.4) "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." (6.21)			
7 ~ I	Forgive us our debts			
Ν	and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors			
Ν	Forgive us our debts,			
2	" your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (6.14)			
Ν	as we forgive our debtors.			
1	<i>"For if you forgive others their trespasses "</i> (6.14)			
Ν	Forgive us our debts,			
2	" for they will receive mercy." (5.7)			
Ν	as we forgive our debtors.			
1	"Blessed are the merciful \dots " (5.7)			
N	Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.			

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2 1 2	"In everything, do to others as "How often should I forgive?" "Seventy times seven." (18.2	
8 ~ L	ead us not into temptation	
Ν	and lead us not into temptatio	n
1		Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the
2	The tempter came and said to bread.'	him, 'Command that these stones become loaves of
1	comes from the mouth	es not live by bread alone, but by every word that of God.'
2	'Throw yourself down.'	
1	'Do not put the Lord your Go	t to the test.'
2	'Fall down and worship me.'	
1	Worship the Lord your God,	and serve only him.'" (4.1–11)
9 ~ L	Deliver us from evil	
Ν	but deliver us from evil	
1	"First be reconciled to your b	other or sister." (5.24)
2	"If your right eye causes you	o sin, tear it out and throw it away." (5.29)
1	"Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and g	
	Any more than this le	ads to evil." (5.37)
2	"Do not resist an evildoer."	
1	"Turn the other cheek."	
2	"Give your cloak as well."	
1	"Give and do not refuse." (5	
2	"Love your enemies." (5.4	1)
Ν	but deliver us from evil	
1,2	"Enter through the narrow go	
1		id is easy that leads to destruction,
2	and there are many w	
1	For the gate is narrow and the	
2	and there are few who	fina it." (7.13–14)
10 ~	For thine is the kingdom and the pou	er and the glory forever
Ν	for thine is the kingdom	
1	"Your kingdom come." (6.10))
	and the power	
2		on earth has been given to me." (28.18)
	and the glory	e v v
1, 2	"Give glory to your Father in	heaven." (5.16)
N, 1,	, 2 For thine is the kingdom and the	
Ν	Amen.	

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