

Making *The Lord's Prayer* my own – an antiphonal celebration in word and song

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Our Father, Who art in Heaven **(spoken)**
Our Infinite Mother, (sung)
whose body is
the Sun and the Earth
the Moon
and all the stars.

Hallowed be Thy name.
May we rejoice forever
in your loving Presence.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Make each of our hearts
a doorway through which
Your love and blessings
can pour into the world.

Give us this day our daily bread,
We give thanks for all You pour out to us
to sustain our lives:
food and sunlight and love
that we could never earn by separate effort
but receive by Your endless grace.

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Guide us in the ways of deep forgiveness
that we may choose
love instead of hate
and life instead of death.

And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
May we live each moment
aware of and shielded by Your infinite love
and may we use each painful situation in our lives
to grow in that love and kindness.

For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory
for ever and ever.
For You are the true heart of our hearts,
the deep life of our lives,
and the beautiful and terrifying and wonderful energy
that moves all things
for ever and ever.

Amen



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