

# Christian Formation Framework

A side-by-side analysis of the Lord's Prayer and Beatitudes as foundational canvases for spiritual formation and measurable transformation

## The Lord's Prayer

### First Stanza

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**Themes:** Eternal decree, holiness, reverence, kingdom, community, covenantal agreement

- Holiness
- Reverence
- Kingdom
- Covenant
- Community

### Second Stanza

"Give us this day our daily bread."

**Themes:** Provision, heavenly manna (Spirit, Word of God), justification, adoption, sanctification

- Provision
- Justification
- Adoption
- Sanctification

### Third Stanza

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

**Themes:** Forgiveness, release, freedom, deliverance, repentance, perseverance, assurance

- Forgiveness
- Release
- Freedom
- Deliverance
- Repentance
- Perseverance

### Fourth Stanza

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

**Themes:** Suppressing the will, wrestling with self (the greatest battle), deliverance from the evil one (potentially the self)

- Self-Suppression
- Wrestling
- Deliverance
- Battle

## The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)

### First Beatitude

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

**Themes:** Submitting your spirit, adoption, engrafting into God's kingdom

- Submission
- Adoption
- Engrafting

### Second Beatitude

"Blessed are those who mourn"

**Themes:** Mourning, separation, receiving acceptance

- Mourning
- Separation
- Acceptance

### Third Beatitude

"Blessed are the meek"

**Themes:** Meekness, walking, fullness

- Meekness
- Walking
- Fullness

### Fourth Beatitude

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

**Themes:** Hunger, thirst for righteousness and God, satisfaction, flourishing, nourishment

- Hunger
- Thirst
- Satisfied
- Flourishing

### Fifth Beatitude

"Blessed are the merciful"

**Themes:** Mercy, compassion, gift of free grace (unworthy of)

- Mercy
- Compassion
- Grace
- Unworthy

### Sixth Beatitude

"Blessed are the pure in heart"

**Themes:** Pure in heart, desire His presence, beholding Him, seeing Him, gentle embrace from a loved one

- Purity
- Desire
- Beholding
- Presence

### Seventh Beatitude

"Blessed are the peacemakers"

**Themes:** Peacemakers, way-makers, Kingdom builders

- Peacemaking
- Way-Making
- Kingdom Building

### Eighth Beatitude

"Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake"

**Themes:** Wrestlers for the kingdom, owning your voice, your place in the tribe

- Wrestling
- Voice
- Tribe
- Identity

## Extracted Metrics: Core Attributes of Christian Formation

Measurable indicators derived from both frameworks for tracking spiritual transformation

### 1. Covenant Alignment (Lord's Prayer 1st / Beatitudes 1st)

Am I submitting my spirit to God's kingdom, or resisting His will? Do I see myself as adopted into His family, or still an outsider?

### 2. Dependence Awareness (Lord's Prayer 2nd / Beatitudes 4th)

Do I recognize my daily need for spiritual provision (Word, Spirit)? Am I hungry and thirsty for righteousness, or spiritually complacent?

### 3. Forgiveness Practice (Lord's Prayer 3rd / Beatitudes 5th)

Am I releasing debts and receiving freedom through repentance? Do I extend mercy and compassion to others as grace has been given to me?

### 4. Self-Confrontation (Lord's Prayer 4th / Beatitudes 2nd-3rd)

Am I wrestling with my own will and recognizing the enemy within (self)? Do I mourn my separation from God and walk in meekness (power under control)?

### 5. Presence Pursuit (Beatitudes 6th / Lord's Prayer 1st)

Is my heart becoming pure in its desire for God alone? Do I behold Him, or am I distracted by lesser things? Am I experiencing the gentle embrace of intimacy?

### 6. Kingdom Contribution (Beatitudes 7th-8th / Lord's Prayer 1st)

Am I a peacemaker and way-maker in my community? Do I wrestle for the kingdom, owning my voice and place in the tribe?