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Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Matthew 6: 7-15)

God does not need human words, but rather our hearts. He asks that we constantly pray to desire Him, knowing that as spiritual creatures we can choose not to love Him. In fact, God always respects our choices because our love, as such, always presumes the freedom to love. Let us strive, therefore, to recognize that we are His creatures who must constantly seek the Lord's help and forgiveness, so as to not to give in to the temptations of the Evil One.