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And Jesus said to his disciples: And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6: 7-15)

Jesus gives us the opportunity to pray to his Father with His words. The prayer that the Son of God taught us becomes the main prayer of God's children. This makes us all brothers and sisters to each other and, in a certain sense, to God as well. We ask God that "thy will be done" which is why our adherence to the teachings of Jesus must be

total and sincere. Rest assured: God never abandons any of His children, not even when we turn away from Him.