The Lord's Prayer

Jesus' disciples saw his prayer life. He was always going to the mountains to pray, or going to a desert place, or a quiet place to spend time with His Father. One day his disciples came to Him and asked Him to teach them how to pray. This is the prayer Jesus taught them. I encourage you to make prayer a daily habit. Pray this prayer <u>every day</u>. Jesus taught it to His disciples, that makes it the best prayer ever!

Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Below is the Lord's Prayer in todays vernacular. Take your time and read it slowly. Reflect and meditate on it.

"My Father God (daddy) in heaven, your name is Holy. You are Holy. Let Your kingdom continue to come, and let Your will be done, on earth just like its being done in heaven. Let your will be done in every area of my life. Give me each day, my daily bread. Give me all that I need for today in every area of my life. Father, forgive me for my weaknesses and sins; my thoughts, behaviors and actions that's not pleasing to You. I choose to forgive everyone who have sinned against me, hurt me and offended me in any way. Lead me not into temptation. Help me to make wise decisions that will keep me from being tempted and keep me from bringing unnecessary heartache upon myself and those I love and care about. Deliver me from all evil and the evil one. I repent (change my mind and my attitude) about any areas of sin and weaknesses in my life that you reveal to me. The Kingdom is Yours, all Power belongs to You. I give You ALL the glory, forever. Amen."