THE MODEL PRAYER: MATTHEW 6:9-13

There are three parts to this prayer:

I. The Preface

1. Our Father
   A. We are taught to pray to God only
   B. We are to address Him as our father
   C. It is encouraging to come to God as our father and not some avenging judge
   D. It shows the relationship we have with God and other believers
      when we address Him as OUR Father

2. In Heaven
   A. Heaven is the abode of God. It is a spiritual place and a holy place out of sight so it requires us to use faith. Heaven.

II. The petitions

1. Hallowed
   A. We should start our prayer with worship.
   B. Hallowed expresses the holiness, and the perfection of God and means to be sanctified or set apart from everything else

2. Thy Kingdom come
   A. This speaks of our expectation
   B. He is the King of Kings and one day all will be subject to his Lordship

3. Thy will be done
   A. Speaks of our submission to Him
   B. Let His will be done and not the will of our flesh
   C. Enable me to do that which is pleasing to thee

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

4. Give us this day
   A. Speaks of our petition
   B. We ask for the provision or necessities of this day

5. Forgive us our debt
   A. This speaks of our confession
   B. Our sins are out debts
   C. That our obligation to punishment may be cancelled and remembered no more

6. As we forgive others
A. This is our compassion towards others  
B. This is a plea for grace not merit  

7. Lead us not into temptation  
   A. This is our dependence  
   B. Keep Satan from overcoming us with temptations of the flesh  

III. The Conclusion  

1. This speaks of our acknowledgement  
2. Thine is the kingdom and the power  
   A. His will be the only kingdom and he alone has the power to support such a kingdom.  
3. We praise God not because He needs it but because He deserves it.  
4. Praise is the work and happiness of Heaven so we should start now.  
5. Heaven will never end and our praise to God will go on forever