

In the services of all Christian congregations the impressive custom prevails of repeating, more or less frequently, the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes, our sorrow, we have heard clergymen vary the words, enlarging upon and paraphrasing the simple, grand original. Against this—to us—unhappy practice allow an earnest protest. When our Lord's disciples said "Teach us to pray," then said He, "When ye pray say "Our Father who art in Heaven." We will use these words as they were taught us by the blessed Jesus; and let no vain trifling by misjudging mortals be indulged. There are no words so sweet, so expressive to the Christian heart, as those his Saviour used; and though oft they be repeated, he shall never weary of nor desire to exchange them.