

A script from



“The Lord’s Prayer”

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What	In this skit, a student encounters a real God as he prays through The Lord’s Prayer. Themes: Prayer, Listening to God, Obedience
Who	Mike God
When	Present day
Wear (Props)	None
Why	Matthew 6:9-13
How	If you have the time to rehearse and memorize it that would be best, but in a pinch you can perform this skit so that God is played by an offstage actor on a microphone, and Mike is kneeling with the script in front of him on the floor. NOTE: As with any time God is portrayed by an actor, great care should be paid in that representation so that He is not depicted as being more human than divine. However, a stodgy, stiff God is not recommended either.
Time	Approximately 6-8 minutes

*The skit starts with **Mike** entering; he kneels and begins to pray. **God** enters.*

Mike: Our Father who is in heaven...

God: Yes?

Mike: Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

God: You called me.

Mike: Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. (*Prays*) Our Father who is in heaven...

God: There, you did it again.

Mike: Did what?

God: Called me. You said, "Our Father who is in heaven." Here I am. Let's talk.

Mike: But I didn't mean anything by it. I was just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good.

God: All right. Go on.

Mike: (*Prays*) Hallowed be your name.

God: Hold it. What did you mean by that?

Mike: By what?

God: By "Hallowed be your name?"

Mike: It means... it means... Your name is hallowed! You know like hallowed...out.

God: Oh, so you think my name is "emptied out"

Mike: No...that's not what I mean. Look, I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's not important; it's just part of the prayer. (*Goes back into praying mode. Pause. Then...*) By the way, what does it mean?

God: It means holy, set apart, honored, full of wonder.

Mike: Makes sense. Okay, I'm going to keep going now if it's okay. (*Prays*) Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God: Do you really mean that?

Mike: Sure, why not?

- God:** Well, if you want it, what are you doing about it?
- Mike:** Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.
- God:** Have I got control of you?
- Mike:** Well... I go to church.
- God:** That isn't what I asked you. What about your temper? You've really got a problem there. And what about the kind of TV that you watch? And then there's the way you spend your money... all on yourself.
- Mike:** Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at the church.
- God:** Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that's to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.
- Mike:** Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name others.
- God:** So could I.
- Mike:** That's okay, I get the idea. (*Pause*) You know, speaking of my hang-ups, I'd really like You to help me get rid of those hang-ups.
- God:** Good. Now we're getting somewhere. Keep praying.
- Mike:** Give us this day our daily bread.
- God:** You need to cut down on the bread. You're getting a little "doughy" if you know what I mean. You eat like I'm not going to provide for you tomorrow.
- Mike:** Hey! What is this, Criticize Mike Day? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my problems.
- God:** Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. Keep praying. I'm interested in the next part of your prayer. (*Pause*) Well, go on.
- Mike:** I'm scared to.
- God:** Scared? Of what?
- Mike:** I know what you'll say.

God: Try me and see.

Mike: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

God: What about Ann?

Mike: See! I knew it! I knew you'd bring her up! Lord, she lies about me. She's spread stories that I've got leprosy.

God: Leprosy?

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God: Do you know what would bring me glory? What would really make me happy?

Mike: No, but I'd like to know. I can see now that if I stay in control, all I'll do is make a mess of my life. I really want to be a better follower.

God: You just answered the question.

Mike: I did?

God: Yes. The thing that would bring me glory is to have people like you truly in love with me. Now that some of these things - the sins and problems you've been holding on to - are exposed, you'll be amazed at what I do with you.

Mike: So now what do you want to do?

God: I think you'd better go find Ann.

They exit. The end.