

THE LORD'S PRAYER - WHOA!

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Level 3 Ages 14-17

A really laidback TEENAGER, (think surfer type) who is new to church and Christianity, stands in a church service with the rest of the congregation, reading aloud The Lord's Prayer from the bulletin. Soon the TEENAGER becomes confused.

TEEN

...lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.

Still standing, but confused.

TEEN

(looking over the prayer,
mumbling to self)

Art in heaven ...who is Art?!

(leans over to the person on
the right)

Did you say hollow-ED?

No response. Still confused. Sighs.
Raising hand.

TEEN

Uh, 'scuse me, sorry to interrupt, but I have no idea what we just said. Am I supposed to know this stuff?

Looking around, not getting an
answer.

TEEN

Anyone? I mean if you want people to pray together, shouldn't you assign some homework or something? And if you're going to make me say it, then I kind of want to know what I'm saying, know what I mean?

Still no one speaks.

TEEN

Uh, ok, cricket-cricket, ...if nobody has anything to say, then you won't mind if I ask a few questions.

(pulling out bulletin)

First of all, what the heck does Hollow Ed mean?

Looking around. Seeing someone
across the sanctuary.

TEEN

You! You look like you've been around a long time --like really long time. What does this mean?

Listens. Grabbing a bulletin and a pen.

TEEN

Did you say, Holy?

(writing)

Oh and honored! Ok. That's cool. Ok, I get it. Let me see...

(looking at notes)

So... we start out the prayer by saying something like...

"Hey Dad! Wassup? What's going on up there? ...You know what?

You the man! For realz though, you the real MVP!

Looking around.

TEEN

Is that about it?

(nodding head in agreement)

Cool, cool, cool, I like that. Ok what about that next part?

...Kingdom come, Willoughby done. Is that just a rhyming thing?

Looking up to the congregation.
Someone answers.

TEEN

We are asking WHAT?

Leaning in, unable to hear person
in the back.

TEEN

Louder, I can't hear you. You guys are so quiet in this church.

(listening)

We are asking God to come take control? I see, I see, ...Down here just like up there. Ok, ok, I think I get it.

Thinking, then looking up.

TEEN

(praying)

Ok God, come do your thing! We want what you got!

Stopping, looking out.

TEEN

Oh wow! You know what? I guess that starts with me right?

(sheepishly)

I mean, I don't think He has control of me yet. Geez this prayer is no joke!

Back to the notes.

TEEN

So next we have, "give us this day our daily bread."

(getting an idea)

Oh! I think I can get this on my own. We're just asking God to put some food on the table right? Like, help me out here I need to survive. That's it, right?

Smiling. Proudly nodding head in agreement.

TEEN

Cool, cool, alright, this isn't so hard, ok next isoh the forgive us the trespassing. This is one of the commandments right? Like No Trespassing! Don't go where you're not supposed to, right?

Listening, then a bit embarrassed.

TEEN

Oh! It's about sins. I see. ...Asking God to forgive our sins. Right, right.

(whacking head)

Stupid me, of course, that's one of the main points here, right? Forgiving sins. Duh!

(reading)

As we forgive those who trespass against us....., of course!

(inspired)

God forgives us and we spread the love!

(looking up, again praying)

God, I need you to clear my name from all the wrong I do. Seriously. And I will not hold anything against anyone. ...Even if they do things to me first.

Back to reading.

TEEN

And now, "lead us not into temptation." Yeah, I don't want that. I'm tempted by everything. I need help. Real talk, like when that plate of money came by earlier, I one hundred percent wanted to lift like fifty bucks. No lie. So I get it. Temptation is real.

(looking up)

Hey, I need you to help me, help me from falling back into my old traps. Ok?

Back to reading

TEEN

And deliver us from evil. Oh!

(sing-song)

The devil is a liar.

(to the congregation)

Yo, I saw this movie one time, and this lady had a demon, and her mouth was foaming and she was like,
 (starts choking on saliva)
 Get out!! Get out!! But this other dude came in with a cross and he was like
 (yelling)
 Evil spirit, come out!
 (realizing still in church)
 Anyway, she lived, and was ok, and got her baby back, so ...it's all good.
 (back to bulletin)
 Ok, whats next, uh... for Thine is the
 (looking up)
 Thine?

Listening

TEEN
 Oh, yours! That's easy. Why didn't they just say that? YOURS is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
 (contemplating)
 Kingdom, ...power, ...glory. I think this is like, bringing it all together... like
 (looking up)
 God, you're the strong one, not me! This is all about you. It's your empire. We're just the things and you're the thing maker. Let others rely on you, not me. All the fame goes to you Dad!

An awe inspiring moment. Beat.

TEEN
 Whoa, God is.... I mean He's....
 (speechless, then to the congregation)
 Yo, that prayer is dope, y'all! Did you hear that? That prayer is my jam! I'm going to use that.
 (holding up the bulletin)
 Can I keep this?

Sits down.

Beat. Looks around.

TEEN
 So, what's going on? Why'd y'all stop the service? You lost?

Holding up the bulletin.

TEEN
 It's all right here. Even I know that. Come on, what's next?

End.