

One of Michael's Sunday morning sermons, "**Living, Not Saying the Lord's Prayer**" rendered the Aramaic interpretation of what is called the "Lord's Prayer". Y'shua said for us to "pray in this way" not repeat the words he said. He was giving us the instructions to become the space of Love in the world not a set of words to memorize. I was amazed that prayer, in Aramaic, means "to set a trap for God". At first my Southern Baptist upbringing jumped up and said, "Wait a minute! We can't and shouldn't trap God." but as I forced myself to listen further it all became clearer. As an antennae traps a signal to a particular channel and gives a clear picture through the television set for the world to see, our lives are to be a constant prayer trapping God and always giving a clear picture to the world of His Love. This will only happen when we are in perfect alignment with Him – trapping His signal – showing Love. WOW! That explains the "pray without ceasing" verse. I always wondered how someone could be praying 24/7 but when you look at the Aramaic meaning as constantly showing our true being – as God's Love – it makes sense that we can do that without ceasing. To just say the words of ANY prayer is only head knowledge but to live the way He taught is heart knowledge. This resonates with a feeling I have always held – many people "claim" to know the Lord as Savior and yet their lives reflect the total opposite. They can say all the right words but the fruit of their life proves the truth is not in their heart. We must do our work too – follow Y'shua's example to eternal life. The Lord's Prayer (our instruction) is to acknowledge, worship, appreciate, forgive – and if we do, then His wisdom comes alive in us, attunes us, empowers us, penetrates us and we become what he created us to be.