MY REPLIES TO GOD IN THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

*"Our Father which art in heaven,*

Would that be the Heaven that no one has ever been able to find?

(I believe that answer would be ... yes)

*hallowed be thy name.*

Groveling. Such an admirable trait.

*Thy kingdom come,*

According to the last book in Your Bible, that isn't going to be a particularly pleasant time for the majority of the world's population.

*Thy will be done,*

Actually, current laws all over the world demand quite the opposite. For example, in America we no longer execute people for adultery, working on the Sabbath, or witchcraft. Even Your biblically approved slavery is no longer allowed. So very little of "Your will" is still being done today.

*in earth as it is in heaven.*

According to reality, that statement is half right.

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

Never mind, we'll get it ourselves. You haven't been particularly successful at that chore anyway. Spend some time in Africa and You'll see what I mean.

*and forgive us our debts,*

Never mind that. We now take responsibility for our debts and pay them off ourselves.

*as we forgive our debtors.*

The only time we forgive our debtors is when they declare bankruptcy.

*And lead us not into temptation,*

You probably already learned that lesson. Remember what happened when You tempted Adam and Eve? Didn't work out all that well, did it?

*but deliver us from evil."*

Had You not created evil in the first place, we wouldn't need to ask. We will battle evil, and we will do it without Your help.

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

Your services aren't required anymore. Like the thousands of invisible ghosts before You, once people stop believing in You ... You will just fade away.