

"OUR FATHER" of an ARTIST

Invitation to calm down
and reflect
with the "Our Father" of an artist

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR



"Thank you, that I may say our father,
not only my father.
I belong to your congregation, and
therefore I am not a lonely artist.
Let me think of other Christians as
better than myself,
even when they don't understand me,
or worse: when they admire me.
I want to be part of them, regardless
of my imperfections -
I want to be part of your imperfect
but loved people.
Thank you for all the other artists that
know you:
Bless my sisters and brothers today
in the cultural world."

FATHER IN HEAVEN

"No, I don't have to be
an autonomous artist,
or an outstanding genius.
Because you are higher than I am.
I am your creature. I am your child.
Everything that I have and all that I can
do is a gift from you.
When I am in danger of becoming
proud of my artistic uniqueness:
Please say to me:
"I have created you uniquely but at the
same time you are my child
and my image, and that is much more!"

"Even if my name
should be praised in
the newspapers.
Even if art experts
should say my name
respectfully -
It would not be of
importance!
Only your name is of
importance!
I want to praise your
name:
When I am successful
and when I am
criticised.
When I am working all
by myself
and when I am on
stage.



**HALLOWED BE
YOUR NAME**

When I perform in church
and when I present my artistic works
in secular circles.

When I present spiritual ideas and when my
artistic works reflect
you in a more hidden way.
When my work is outstanding
and when it is mediocre
or even below my expectations.
I always want to praise you
And give my best for your glory."

YOUR KINGDOM COME

"Let me never forget:
Your kingdom,
that has come with Jesus,
will come in unimaginable
dimensions.

Your kingdom, that means
neither the realm of politics,
nor of business.

Neither the realm of science,
nor of culture.

Not the realm of the churches,
and definitely not my realm.

Your kingdom wants our kingdoms:
our nations and enterprises, our
universities and museums,
our libraries and concert halls and
theatres,
our churches and my own private
kingdom
to pierce, to penetrate, to change
with love and justice.

Turn my art
into a yearning prayer
into a prophetic call
into a rejoicing hope
into a shrill warning:
Your kingdom come!
mankind's kingdom vanish!"

YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH

"I need this prayer
when I am strong-
willed
and when I lose my
sense of direction:
Lead me.
Create in me a new
heart.
Fill me with your
Spirit.
Help me not to follow
paths that you don't
like.
I am an artist.
I don't like
compulsions.
I don't like the petty
bourgois.
I don't like a pious
style.



Thank you, that you don't
force
any human will or religious
culture upon me.
You don't force anything upon
me.
In your will is freedom.
In your commandments is
love.
And in your order is the
power that frees me from
compulsions:
From everything false around
me
and within me.
Also from my own fatal will.
Your will shall coin and guide
me day by day."

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

"You know that many artists have to
fight for their existence.

You know that they also need
spiritual bread.

Give me bread, Lord!

I will cast my worries on you.

Give me bread.

I will then break
it with the hungry ones.

I want to receive in order
to pass on to others.

I don't want
to be focused on my worries
but on you and your kingdom.

And then everything else
will be given to me.

Thank you!"

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS

"If it is true that artists have a prophetic mission
that God's Spirit wants to speak through the arts
that art shall free from darkness
proclaim redemption
and glorify Jesus Christ
then it shall be free
free from everything that displeases you!
then as an artist I repeatedly
want to happily repent
and generously forgive others!
Show me what is unrighteous at me
pride, envy, wishes of having power,
living according to my desires,
discontent, bitterness, cynicism, superficiality,
pious behaviour, religious law-fullness
Take it away from me!!
Let me be a light
With my art!"

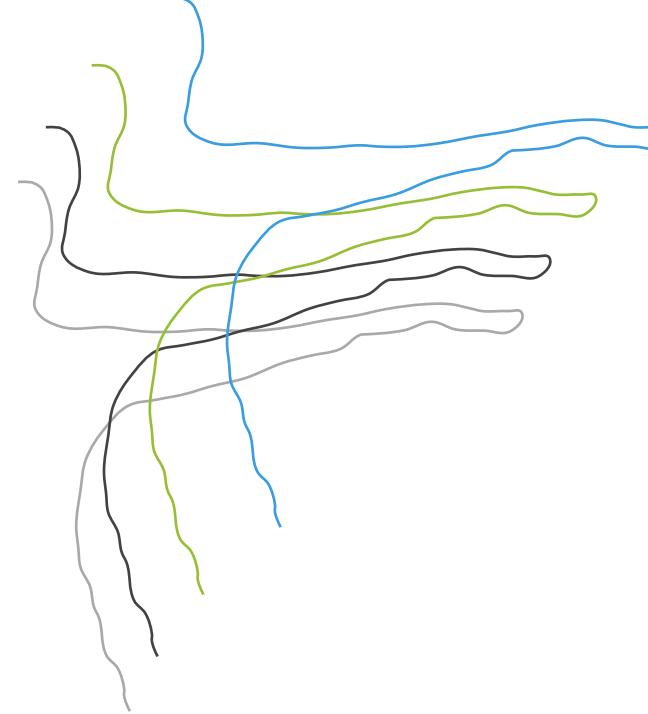


**AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE**

"Thrice you, Lord, have been tempted.
And thrice you have said no.
Help me to say no, too.
No to the temptation to turn stone into
bread:
To feed people with the arts instead of
pointing to you!
No to the temptation to throw myself
into the depth:
To indulge in artistic world-weariness and
depression.
That is not from you. I don't want to shut
out the suffering,
but it is not final, because your Son has
hung on the cross!
And finally no to the temptation to slowly
slide away from you
because of my success
And to bow down before the world (and
all its demonic guarantees of success).
You alone I adore. With you I stay.
Deliver me from the evil one."

**YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE
POWER AND THE
GLORY**

"Let something from your kingdom, your power and glory shine through my art. It is so difficult, for we have lost the language for it.
Help! I don't want to produce trash!
Please, add to my art a special dimension of your glory.
I don't have any aesthetic concept, no technique, no style for it.
Only your Spirit can do this!"



AMEN

"That's how it is!
How difficult this word is for me, sometimes.
I have been told doubts are chic
There is no definite truth.
Art has to constantly question things.



The Amen is therefore so important for me.
My sensitive and often shaken artists' psyche
strengthen it in an unshakable faith
that you live,
that you love me
and that you have also heard this prayer:
That's how it is!"

AMEN

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Freedom Sculpture

"I wanted to create a sculpture almost anyone, regardless of their background, could look at and instantly recognize that it is about the idea of struggling to break free. This sculpture is about the struggle for achievement of freedom through the creative process."

- Zenos Frudakis

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AMEN

