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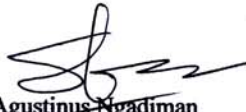
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ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes the Lord's Prayer to answer the major problem statements: "What makes the Lord's Prayer the most appropriate prayer for a Christian to worship God?" In order to answer the major statement of problem, the writer first of all tried to answer the following problem statements, they are:

1. What are the key verses of the Lord's Prayer?
2. What function is implied by each key verse of the Lord's Prayer?
3. What are the key terms of each key verse of the Lord's Prayer?
4. What meaning(s) does each key term of the Lord's Prayer carry?

To answer the major statement of problem, the writer made use of a set of comparison table that are derived from many source, such as the previous study by Eby, Wilson, Hutauruk, The Zondervan's, and many more. To go on further, the writer does the process of data analysis by analyzing the parameter of the Confession, Adoration, Supplication, and Thanksgiving (CAST), the key verses and the function of the key verses, then followed by findings of the key terms, and finally ended in finding the meanings of the prayer. Basing on the analysis, then the writer found that the prayer has three functions: Salutation, which consists of one key verse and two key terms; Petition, which is divided again into two kinds, they are the Petition to the Father for His glory that has three key verses and eight key terms and the petition to the Father for human needs that has three key verses and seven key terms; and the Doxology which has one key verse and four key terms. For the space is limited while the explanation is broad, therefore the meaning of this prayer can be read through the end of Chapter IV. By the findings of these four minor statements of the problem, the major statement of the problem is then answered that is the Lord's Prayer is the most appropriate prayer for a Christian to pray to God.

Finally, the writer realizes that she is imperfect and this research is far from being perfect, since there are still some shortcomings both in the structure of language that are used to analyze and present the findings of this study. Therefore, the writer would like to suggest that the next researcher make a deeper exploration about this prayer and analyze it more deeply and thoroughly.