

The Paternoster II

Old Norse

Faþir várr er ert á himnum,
verði nafn þitt heilagt.
Tilkomi ríki þitt.
Verði vili þinn
svá á jörðu sem í himnum.
Gef oss ok hværn dag brauð vort dagligt
Ok fyrgefþú oss syndir várar,
sem vér fyrgefum þeim er við oss hafa
misgert.
Leið oss eigi í freistni
heldr leysþú oss frá illu.

Old English

Fæder ure þu þe eart on heofonum,
si þin nama gehalgod.
Tobecume þin rice.
Gewurþe ðin willa
on eorðan swa swa on heofonum.
Urne gedæghwamlican hlaf syle us
todæg
and forgyf us ure gyltas,
swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum.
And ne gelæd þu us on costnunge
ac alys us of yfele.

1. Identify **functional morphemes** in the Old Norse text that you recognize from West Germanic languages.
2. What **inflectional morphemes** are similar between the Old Norse and Old English texts?
3. Identify **lexical morphemes** in the Old Norse text that you recognize from West Germanic languages.
4. Identify what lexical morphemes are similar between the Old Norse and Old English vocabularies.
5. What are the Old Norse and Old English words for “bread”? Do you know modern cognates for both? Which of the two is more familiar to us now, and how do you explain that? What about the words for “give,” “evil,” and “sin”?
6. Can you spot any regular phonological differences between Old Norse and Old English?
7. Can you identify the prepositions in both texts and match them up?
8. If you were a native speaker of Old English, what would be the greatest barriers to understanding spoken Old Norse? What elements would you learn to ignore when listening to a speaker of Old Norse? What elements would you emphasize when addressing them in Old English?