



Teach us to pray

A sermon series on the Lord's Prayer

Praying For His Name's Sake

Matthew 6:5-9



Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

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

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- Matthew 6:5-9

“Reading the Bible or prayer
you ask? I ask you, what’s
more important, breathing in
or breathing out!”

- Charles Spurgeon



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Main Idea: The disciples' prayers are to be uniquely shaped by the one to whom we pray.

- **vss 5-8:** Two Pitfalls to Avoid
- **vs 9a:** The address: Our Father in heaven
- **vs 9b:** 1st Petition: May your name be honoured.

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Two Prayers to Avoid

The **hypocrite** is the outwardly religious person who prays for the attention of others on the basis of their own piety.

The **pagan** prayer is the manipulative prayer in which one prays to get things from God on the basis of one's words and effort.



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39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” . . . 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

— Matthew 26:39,44

Two Prayers to Avoid

One: Is to pray for attention and self-elevation. . . to be seen as pious (hypocrite).

- Antidote to this kind of prayer: foster a rich private prayer life.

Two: Is to pray to get things from God (pagan).

- Antidote to this kind of prayer: Submit your desires to God's desires.

Prayer is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which man should not only talk to God but also listen to Him. Prayer to God is like a child's conversation with his father.

- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

How Should We Then Pray?

9 Pray then like this: *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”* - Matthew 6:9

1. The address: “Our Father in heaven” (vs 9a)
2. The 1st petition: “hallowed be your name” (vs9b)

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,- John 1:12

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” -1 John 3:1

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Hebrews 4:14-16

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

- Revelation 4:11

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- Matthew 6:9

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How We Address God in Prayer (Matt. 5:9a)

Our = draws our little stories into God's grander story.

Father = Gospel truth of sonship through Christ. . . we are one with God.

in Heaven = Sovereign reign of God, as we pray we enter the throne room of heaven.

1st Petition (Matt. 6:9b)

“Hallowed be your name”:

May God’s name be revered and glorified.

Jesus teaches us, that God’s glory must be the starting point and priority of all our prayers and petitions

