



# The Lord's Prayer

## OUR FATHER

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In just a few short sentences, Jesus gave us a timeless prayer containing the most important things we need to know and believe. This well known prayer contains powerful truth that should define how we live and pray. Over the next few weeks, we will look at the significance of this powerful prayer.

### READING:

**Read out loud together - Matthew 6:9-13.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

### SHARE WITH THE GROUP:

When was the first time you heard the Lord's Prayer and what did it mean to you?

**Big Idea: Lord make us a people of extraordinary prayer.**

### Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name

1. **Unites us as the people of God.** READ Matthew 6:9. What does the phrase "Our Father in heaven" indicate to you?
2. **Invites us to the person of God.** The Aramaic word for father, used by Jesus, is Abba. This word indicates a relation of personal intimacy. God is not only majestic

and holy, but also personal and loving. How would you describe your relationship with God? Is He more Abba or Father?

3. **Reminds us of the perspective of God.** “Our Father IN HEAVEN”. This indicates His position. He has a better perspective. READ Isaiah 55:8-9. God’s knowledge and wisdom is much greater than ours. In what ways have you tried to convince God to make His plans conform to yours instead of striving to fit into His plan?
4. **Highlights for us the primacy of God.** “...hallowed be Your name.” The first line of this prayer is a statement of praise and a commitment to hallow, or honor, God’s holy name. What are some ways we can honor His name?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. The Lord’s Prayer isn’t a **me** prayer, but an **us** prayer. Who are you praying with during this season?
2. How do you relate to God as our Father?
3. What priorities or perspectives do you need to change to match the way Jesus asks us to pray?
4. Read Matthew 5:16. How are you playing a role in making His name famous in this generation?

#### **GOING DEEPER:**

READ David’s Prayer in 1 Chron 29:10-13. How does David’s prayer compare to the prayer that Jesus teaches the disciples?

#### **COMMIT TO MEMORY:**

Throughout this series, commit to memory The Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.