

Believe it or Not: God is our Heavenly Father
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Matthew 6:6-13

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

We believe...

1. **GOD IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

Jesus said...

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
(Matthew 6:9 & Luke 11:2)

"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth..."
(Matthew 11:25)

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me."
(Matthew 26:39)

"Abba, Father... everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me." (Mark 14:36)

2. **GOD IS CREATOR OF ALL**

Genesis 1:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 6:10

"your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

3. **WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE (CREATED IN HIS IMAGE)**

Genesis 1: (6th day)

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image..." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number ..." 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...

Ephesians 2:10a

For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece)...

2 Corinthians 5:17

...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

4. **WE ARE CREATED WITH PURPOSE TO BRING GOD GLORY!**

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

1 Corinthians 10:31

... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Matthew 5:16

"... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."