

Lord, Teach us to Pray:
Our Father in Heaven
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Matthew 6:5-13

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 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.'

I. PRAYER IS PERSONAL

Matthew 6:9 "This ... is how you should pray: "Our Father..."

John 20:17

Jesus said, "... Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Matthew 1:23

[An angel said to Joseph] "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Romans 8:14-17

15... you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

2. PRAYER IS POWERFUL

Matthew 6:9 "... Our Father in heaven..."

Jeremiah 32:17

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

3. PRAYER SHOULD PROCLAIM GOD'S GLORY

Matthew 6:9 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name"

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM' has sent me to you."

Deuteronomy 5:7, 8, 11

7 "You shall have no other gods before me.

8 "You shall not make for yourself an idol

11 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God...

Philippians 2:9

His name is above every name.

Psalms 8:1

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Isaiah 6:3

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Revelation 4:8

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Psalms 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.