



Learning to Pray
The Lord's Prayer
Part 3 - Praying to Our Father

Why Study Prayer?

- (1) Understand the Importance of Prayer
- (2) Learn What Prayer Is, and What Prayer Is Not
- (3) Improve our Prayer Life
- (4) Broaden the Impact of our Prayers
- (5) Explore Why it is that We Even Have to Ask the Question
- (6) To Speak Freely to God, and to Recognize His Voice

Why Is Prayer a Discipline?

As humans, we tend to do whatever it is that we want, and avoid doing those things that we do not want to do.

What is it about us that makes it so likely that we will avoid spending time in prayer?

Is spending time with the Lord something that is so displeasurable to us that we consider it work?

Prayer is Our Birth Right

We Are Sons and Daughters of the King:

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

- John 1:12

Our Adoption Allows Us To Seek Out the King Directly:

“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’”

- Romans 8:15

Prayer is Our Birth Right

Prayer is Connected to the King's Blessings For Us:

“Ask, and it shall be given to you.”

- Matthew 7:7

“You do not have, because you do not ask.”

- James 5:6

Is Prayer Natural or Supernatural?

But What About the Difficulty of Prayer?

Prayer is work. Unbelievers do not understand the difficulty of prayer, but those of us who are Christians know it well. Everything else in the Christian life is easier than prayer. It is far easier to read our Bibles than to pray. It is far easier to witness, to go to church, and to give to the poor than it is to pray. Why? The reason for this is that the closer we get to what is most important – what brings us most spiritual power – the more opposition we are going to get from the devil, the world and our own flesh.”

- Wayne Mack,
Reaching the Ear Of God

Jesus' Instructions to Us:

"This, then, is how you should pray..."

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

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

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one."

- Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father . . . In Heaven

God as Heavenly Father

God as Father of Glory

God as Father of Mercies

God as Father of Love

God as Father Who Rewards

God as Father Who Keeps and Protects

God as Father Who is Trustworthy

God as Father Who Disciplines

Our Father . . . In Heaven Hallowed Be Your Name

*Our First Priority In Prayer
Is to Glorify the Holy Name
Of the Lord*

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:31

Our Father . . . In Heaven
Hallowed Be Your Name
Thy Kingdom Come,

*Our Second Priority In Prayer
Is to Pray for the
Kingdom of God*

Matthew 4:17 -

“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’”

Our Father . . . In Heaven
Hallowed Be Your Name
Thy Kingdom Come,

*The Kingdom –
Part Here, Part to Come*

1. Kingdom of Power (God's Rule)
2. Kingdom of Grace (God's Salvation)
3. Kingdom of Glory (The Future Heaven)

Our Father . . . In Heaven
Hallowed Be Your Name
Thy Kingdom Come,

Confessing the Kingdom to Come...

Acts 1:11: “This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

2 Peter 3:3-4: “Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come, saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming?’”

Our Father . . . In Heaven
Hallowed Be Your Name
Thy Kingdom Come,

Confessing the Kingdom to Come...

Phil. 2:10-11: “...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.”

Our Father . . . In Heaven
Hallowed Be Your Name
Thy Kingdom Come,

Longing for the Kingdom to Come...

Romans 10:1: “Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.”

Romans 8:23, “Having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

NEXT WEEK:

“Thy Will Be Done”

One of the Most Recurring
Questions in Christianity:

How do I know God's will for my life?



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