



Teach us to Pray - Hallowed Be Your Name

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Matthew 6:9-15 In this manner, therefore, 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 this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

Prayer is a Learned Discipline.

Prayer is a learned Discipline that must be desired. When we learn to pray using the pattern that Jesus taught, it shows that we trust Him enough to discipline ourselves to do it His way.

Isaiah 55:8-9 **For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Jesus's prayer model is Kingdom first, others second, and then us.

Kingdom First- Matthew 6:33 **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

Others Second- Notice in this pattern of prayer that there is never a first-person singular noun or pronoun used except in reference to God. There are only the plural pronouns US, We, and *OUR*.

Jesus's pattern of prayer clearly emphasizes the importance of aligning our desires with the Father's will.

God wants to hear us speak to him in our private time of prayer.

The Pattern of Prayer that Jesus Taught.

The eight topics Jesus taught in teaching people the proper way to pray.

- 1. Pray to the Father in Heaven.**
- 2. Hallowed be Your name.** (*praise God for who He is and thank Him for what He does*)
- 3. Pray for the Kingdom of God to come.** (for Jesus to rule in the hearts of humanity and physically here on the earth).
- 4. Pray that His will is done on earth as it is in Heaven.**
- 5. Pray that God will give us daily everything we need.**
- 6. Ask God to Forgive us of our sins, grant us the capability to forgive others, and renew our minds so that we won't be repeat offenders.**
- 7. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from evil or the evil one.**
- 8. Bless God for allowing us to be a vital part of His overall plan.**



According to Jesus, Prayer starts with acknowledging who we are praying to and where He resides. Not with repentance or a request. He didn't emphasize starting with thanksgiving or praise.

Our Father in heaven, (Know who you are praying to)

We never want to minimize or glance over who we are directing our prayer to.

To really know a person, we must understand their character and nature. What is the Father's character and nature? Jesus said in **John 14:9**, **"He who has seen Me has seen the Father."**

The more we get acquainted with Jesus, the more we will identify with Father God.

What we should mean when we say Our Father

The Greek word for Father is "Pater". When used of God, it refers to Him as the creator, preserver, and governor of all humanity and things in the seen and unseen worlds, watching over them with paternal love and care.

When Jesus told His disciples to view God as their Father, He emphasized the importance of their relationship with Him and the need to recognize God's authority in all realms.

The next Level of Knowing God is Abba Father,

Jesus took it a step further when He approached the Heavenly Father in His private time, He approached Father God as "Abba Father". **Mark 14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."**

In Aramaic, the word "Abba" conveys a deeper significance than the simple term "Father" in Western culture.

The True Meaning of "Abba"

The word *Abba* is an Aramaic word that means more than just a daddy, this word that expresses affection, confidence, respect, and trust.

Abba is more like the English "Sir" than "Daddy."

Abba signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his "daddy." "

Abba is not merely about intimacy; it's also about the child respecting authority.

Abba refers to us saying, "Yes Sir Daddy, I'm yours to command" or "Father, I will obey you."

"Hallowed be thy name"

This phrase from the Lord's Prayer is an acknowledgment and or declaration that Jesus said we should make to God about God.

The word "hallow" means to make something holy, separate it, or sanctify it.

This part of the Lord's Prayer is Jesus urging us to declare that God is hallowed or holy.

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The Greek word for “hallowed” is hagiázō. While this term is not common, it means “holy,” “to sanctify or set apart,” “to praise,” or “to adore.” When reference to God it means something other and greater than.

Thus, the phrase could be translated as “May Your name be holy and sanctified everywhere for all times.”

Psalms 72:17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him;

In the Old Testament, God is referred to by the name YHWH, which is often pronounced as "Yahweh" or "Jehovah".

"Yahweh" or "Jehovah" is God's personal name. He revealed Himself as the true and eternal God, the One who is absolutely self-existent and unchangeable.

In comparison, other terms used to identify God are titles that are used to describe His position of authority or what He provides for His people, such as Jehovah-Jireh (The Lord Will Provide), Jehovah-Shalom (The Lord Is Peace), and Jehovah Rapha (The Lord Who Heals), etc.

Exodus 3:13-15 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

“I AM” means that God is what we need, when we need Him to be it, how we need Him to be it and where we need Him to be it.

The reason we say, “Hallowed be your Name” is that the Greek word for name is “Onoma,” which speaks of the nature, character, authority, and power that’s found in His Name titles.

But in order to declare “hallow be Your name” in reference to our Heavenly Father, we must understand that God's nature, character, authority, power, and will for His children are revealed in His names.

Our Father's name reveals what He has promised to be for us and in us.

What He has promised to do for us and through us.

Our God is a covenant-making Covenant keeping God. The names of God reveal the positions He holds, and the covenant promises He has made to His covenant People.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

What we are doing is we are running to what the name represents.

As New Testament believers, we recognize the name of Jesus as representing the total essence of who God is, the eternal position He holds, and what He is to us.

The Name Jesus can compose the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or just the Son only.

When we declare “*Hallowed be thy name*” we recognize His name as the most cherished in the universe.

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When we declare “*Hallowed be thy name*” we worship and hold Him dear above all in both the visible and invisible realms.

As believers under the New Covenant, we declare that the name of Jesus is most Holy. *He is above all and other than anyone or anything that has a name.*

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.