



## **Teach us to Pray - Hallowed Be Your Name Pt. 2**

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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.**

*One important thing we must understand is that Jesus serves as our ultimate example for navigating life by applying Kingdom principles. If Jesus teaches us to do something in a certain way, we should take His advice seriously and follow His guidance. This is particularly true when it comes to prayer. Prayer should not rely solely on our personal thoughts, past teachings, or feelings. When Jesus instructs us on how to pray, we need to adhere to that. After all, He achieved remarkable results through the manner in which He prayed.*

What we call the Lord's prayer is actually a prayer Jesus outlined/patterned for Believers to follow concerning Prayer. **(Matthew 6, Luke 11)**

*As we teach this series, you must keep in mind that we are talking about a designated private time of prayer that I believe we all should have each and every day as we approach Father God, who is the creator and orchestrator of the seen, and unseen world*

Praying like this takes discipline and trust. We must commit ourselves to praying using the pattern that Jesus taught, no matter what other thoughts or feelings may come our 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.**

*We must understand that God has a higher way of thinking and doing things. That's why it's important to understand who God is and the principles He wants us to live by.*

This will probably go against our usual way of Praying.

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

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

### **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.**

**Our Father in heaven, (Know who you are praying 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 and His teachings, the more we will identify with Father God.*

### **The next Level of Knowing God is knowing Him as Abba Father,**

When Jesus 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 daddy; this word expresses affection, confidence, respect, and trust.

Abba is about intimacy and respect for authority.

Abba refers to us saying, "Yes Sir Daddy, I'm yours to command".

Whatever God commands us to do are the things that are pleasing to Him.

**Philippians 2:13 (NLT)** **For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.**

These requests from the Lord are the best for us and He puts the responsibility upon Himself to work it through us if we allow Him to.

So, what pleases God?

**Luke 12:31-32** **But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

*Notice that it says here it is the Father's pleasure to give you the Kingdom. That means He will give us give you the principles of the Kingdom, give us the wisdom of the King and He'll give you the treasure of the Kingdom.*

God wants to command us to do the things that establish and manifest His Kingdom.

*Many Christians restrict themselves by prioritizing their desires—such as attention, strength, and wealth to what they want—more than seeking God's Kingdom.*

Most don't understand that if we seek God's Kingdom first and apply His principles, everything else is automatic.

*As we allow God to establish His Kingdom through us for His good pleasure, He will reward us with everything that we need and a lot of our desires.*

**Psalms 35:27 (NLT)** **Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause;** (the manifestation of His Kingdom is His righteous cause).



**And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."**

When we follow God's requests, we will prosper as His children. That is why we should say, "Abba, I'm yours to command."

The Bible tells us in scripture that we have an unction from the Holy Spirit to cry out "Abba Father" when we pray in our private time.

**Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"**

**Romans 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...**

*So, when this says your heart is crying out, it's not that our hearts are crying out in worry, doubt, unbelief, fear, or confusion. But in faith and adoration with thanksgiving and praise!*

**So, what should our hearts be crying out?**

***"Lord, I'm Yours to Command.  
You have set me Free,  
Father I will Obey You,  
because You've given me the Victory***

## **2. Hallowed be Your 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 term "hallow" encapsulates the profound act of making something sacred, setting it apart, or sanctifying it as Holy. In this section of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus invites us to acknowledge and proclaim the holiness of God, urging us to recognize His divine nature.*

When we describe God as "hallowed," we highlight His transcendence Holiness—something far more significant and different from all that exists.

Thus, this phrase might be understood as "May Your name be holy and sanctified at all times and in all places."

***A scripture that supports this notion is Psalms 72:17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him;***

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

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*These 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.*

***The Greek word for name is "onoma," and it signifies more than just a label; it encompasses a person's entire character. In biblical times, names represented who a person truly was. Similarly, the Names of God reflect not just titles but also His essence and nature. For New Testament believers, the name of Jesus embodies the fullness of God's identity and His relationship with us.***

No one can have a relationship with the Father or with the Holy Spirit unless they have submitted themselves to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**John 14:15-18** "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

*We need to understand that without that name, no man can get to the Father, and no man can receive the Holy Spirit. It's only by way of that name. But the Bible says that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life no man can get the Father God accept through him.*

The Name Jesus composes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *That is why Jesus says we should baptize in His Name!*

**Matthew 28:19-20** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

He is the total representation of who Yahweh is and all authority, power and any other thing in the seen and unseen world has been given to Him for Him to distribute as He wills.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Notice both seen and unseen worlds.

**Luke 10:22** All things have been delivered to Me by My Father;

Notice this verse says it was delivered to Him, meaning that it was readily available whenever needed or desired.

**John 3:35** The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

Not only did He give Jesus authority, but this verse says He's put all things in His hands means that it's up to Him to distribute.



**Hebrews 2:8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.**

**Ephesians 1:22-23 (NLT) God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. 23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.**

**1 Corinthians 3:21-23 (NLT) Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come — all are yours. 23 And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.**

Notice that Christ has given everything to us, born-again believers. This is why we don't have to worry; we only need to follow the instructions and believe. If Jesus tells us to pray a certain way in our private time of prayer, why should we resist and try to do it differently when it is laid out so plainly for us?

Don't get me wrong; there are many types of prayers, (**Ephesians 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...**) but whatever type of prayer you are praying, you should always come to the Father in Jesus' name and offer a sacrifice of praise with the fruit of your lips, even if it's nothing more than, "Father, I thank you and I bless you."

**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.**

As devoted followers and partners of the New Covenant, we strongly believe that the name of Jesus is incredibly Holy. He is above everyone else, representing uniqueness and perfection in every part of His being. No person, creature, or entity with a name can match His authority or question His commands. His presence is unmatched, and His power is evident, bringing grace, truth, and growth to all creation!!!