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Tuesday Night Bible Study

LORD, TEACH
US TO PRAY

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THE LORD'S
PRAYER

MAIN MENU

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

1. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

2. HALLOWED BE THY NAME

3. THY KINGDOM COME

4. THY WILL BE DONE

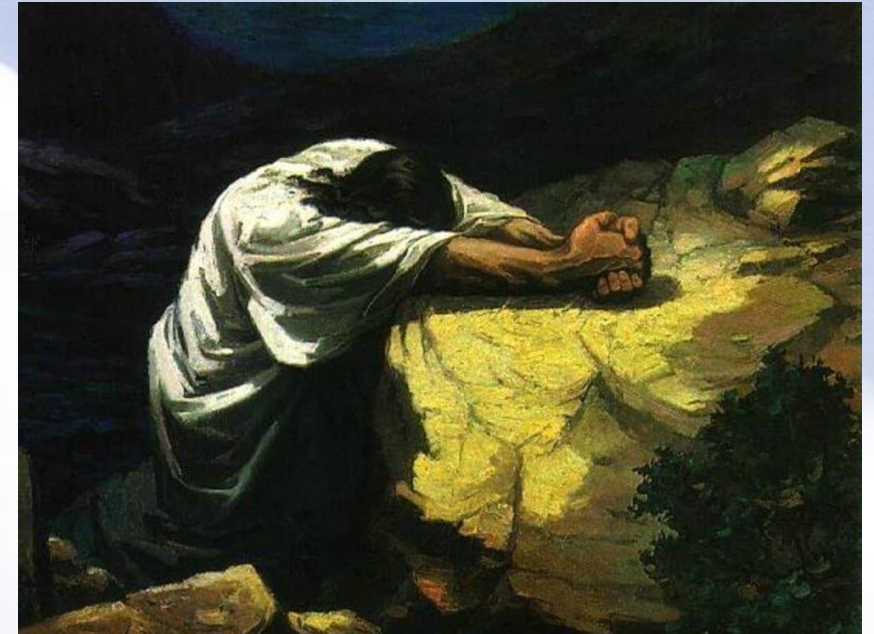
5. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

6. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

7. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ Jesus' disciples had seen him pray many times.
- ▶ Sometimes he prayed all night.
- ▶ Sometimes his prayers were just one sentence.

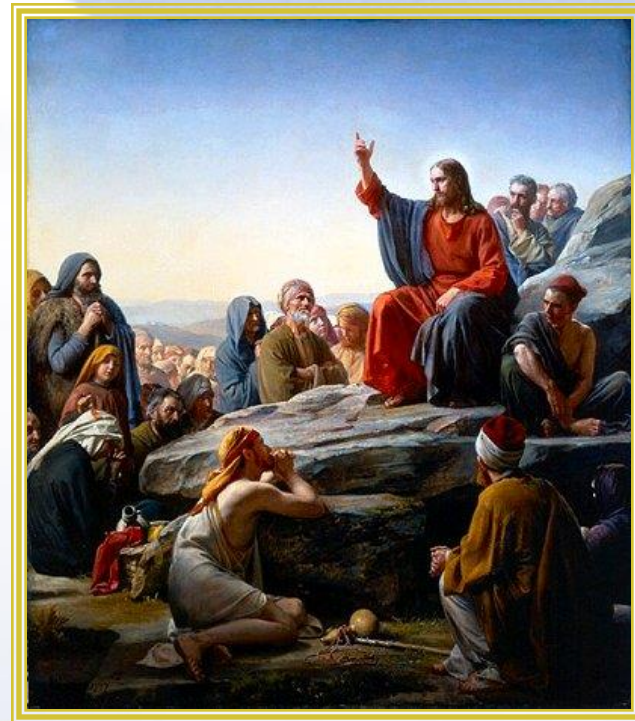


Christ at Gethsemane



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ Jesus' followers connected Jesus' intense prayer life with the power he showed in every aspect of life.
- ▶ One disciple asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.



Sermon on the Mount
Cark Bloch



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ Jesus gave them a deceptively simple, childlike prayer which has come to be known as “The Lord’s Prayer.”
- ▶ The prayer is recorded in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13.
- ▶ Matthew’s version highlights seven key parts:



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Seven Key Parts

- 1) Our Father which art in heaven,
- 2) hallowed be thy name,
- 3) thy kingdom come,
- 4) thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
- 5) Give us this day our daily bread.
- 6) Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
- 7) And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us evil.



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ In this pattern, Jesus provided his followers with guidelines for prayer based on the attributes or characteristics of God.
- ▶ The two main sections of the prayer divide with the words “your” and “our.”



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ The first part centers on making God our priority.
- ▶ Only by focusing on the patient and loving Father can we find the attitude that puts our own needs in perspective.



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- ▶ The second part focuses on our needs—body, soul, and spirit—and the needs of others.
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- ▶ It's been said that if these three requests are prayed properly, nothing more need be said.
- ▶ Only in moment-by-moment dependence on God will we experience the good things God wants to provide.



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ The Lord's Prayer is a dangerous, life-changing prayer.
- ▶ Jesus' enemies eventually killed him for asserting his close tie to God through addressing God as "Father."
- ▶ Until Jesus gave his followers the right to be called children of God, this would have been blasphemy.



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

- ▶ The Lord's Prayer is still a dangerous prayer for believers.
- ▶ We do, in one sense, “take our lives in our hands” and offer them up again and again as sacrifice to the One who gave us all in the first place, receiving all of Life in return.





*Our Father
Who art in Heaven*

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

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God's Attribute

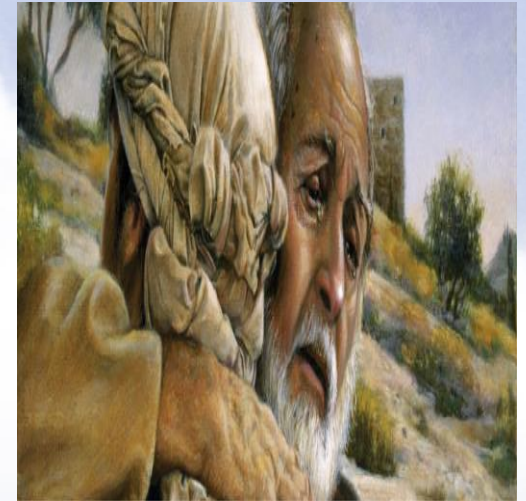
**God's
Fatherly
Love**



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

What does it mean?

- ▶ God is a loving and compassionate Father who gives life, provides for and protects those who trust him.
- ▶ Like a caring human father, God wants a close relationship with his children.



The Return of the Prodigal Son (detail)
Rembrandt (1668)



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

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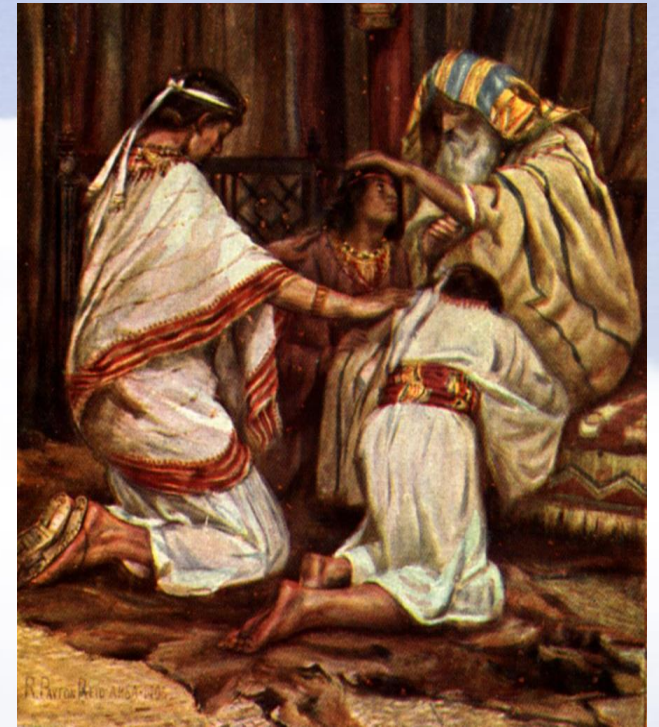
- ▶ Addressing God as “Our Father” plunges the person praying into a relationship.
- ▶ A child approaching a loving father knows that father will give careful attention to the child’s requests and will be lovingly inclined towards the child’s best interests.



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

What does it mean?

- ▶ The child knows the father will answer.
- ▶ This is how Jesus tells us to approach God—as trusting children of a patient, tender father.



*Jacob Blessing the
Sons of Joseph (detail)*
Rembrandt (1656)

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Scripture

[John 1:12, 13](#)

[1 John 3:1](#)

[Hebrews 4:16](#)

Click reference above to read passage.



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Application

- ▶ During Jesus' time, people understood God to be awesome, majestic, and far away in the unreachable heavens.
- ▶ Though the Old Testament uses the metaphor of fatherhood when talking of God, no one would have dreamed of addressing God as Father in prayer.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Application

- ▶ Jesus' use of the name "Abba" (like our "Daddy") must have stunned his disciples.
- ▶ In fact, Jesus' use of the family name shocked the religious leaders of his day.



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Application

- ▶ Eventually those religious leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy and crucified him for identifying himself as God's Son!



Jesus Accused by the Pharisees
Duccio di Buoninsegna (1308)

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Application

- ▶ Jesus taught his followers that they should address God as “Father.”
- ▶ He promised that their loving Father would care for all the needs of those who trust in him ([Matthew 7:7-11](#)).



OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Application

- ▶ Jesus willingly died a horrible death to purchase the right of believers in Christ to be called children of God.
- ▶ It's hard to comprehend that the God who has all the power in the universe will listen to our prayers because of the actions of his Son, Jesus!



Hallowed be Thy Name

HALLOWED
BE THY NAME



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

God's Attribute

**God's
Holiness**



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

What does it mean?

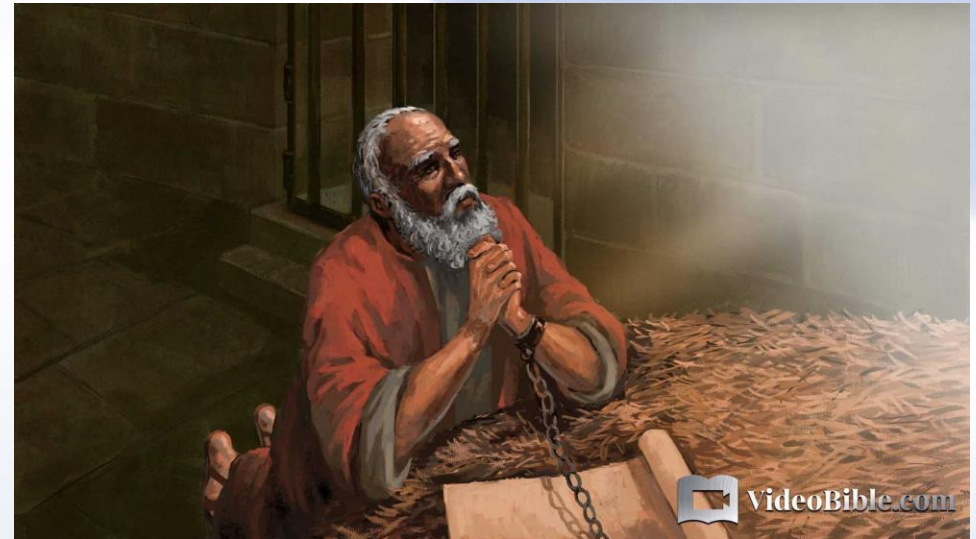
- ▶ To hallow means to make holy.
- ▶ To “hallow” God’s name means to honor it as holy and sacred.
- ▶ When we pray, we enter the presence of God with reverence, worship, and thanksgiving.



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

What does it mean?

- ▶ We thank God not only for what he's done, but also for who he is.
- ▶ God's greatness and glory alone are worthy of praise and thankfulness.



An Apostle with Folded Hands

Van Dyck (1618)

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

What does it mean?

- ▶ Thanksgiving recognizes that everything we have belongs to God, whether it be our talents, skills, possessions, jobs, or children.



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Scripture

Psalm 99:9

Exodus 20:7

1 Corinthians 10:31

Psalm 24:1



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Application

- ▶ Traditionally, God's people, the Jews, never said or wrote the name of God.
- ▶ To do so was considered not keeping the name of God holy.
- ▶ God's name represents his character, his plan, and his will.



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Application

- ▶ We often think of cursing as a common misuse of God's name, but what about attitudes of the heart?
- ▶ Lack of respect or indifference by one who professes love for God may be just as much a sin ([Revelation 3:15, 16](#)).



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Application

- ▶ Jesus encouraged his followers to use God's name in honorable ways and for purposes that deepen and endear our bonds to him.
- ▶ Part of showing reverence for the holy name of God is thanking him for who he is and for what he's done.



HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Application

- ▶ Many psalms praise and worship God's holy name ([Psalm 100:4; 147:13](#)).
- ▶ Our greatest reverence, though, is shown by the stories our lives reveal.
- ▶ Our Father's name is most hallowed when we live in ways that attract others to him ([1 Cor. 10:31, Matt. 5:16](#)).

Thy Kingdom come,

THY
KINGDOM
COME



THY KINGDOM COME

God's Attribute

**God's
Sovereignty**



THY KINGDOM COME

What does it mean?

- ▶ God has supreme power and authority over everything in heaven and earth.
- ▶ When we acknowledge God's sovereignty, we affirm and welcome his reign in our lives.
- ▶ We promise to live in ways that honor him.



THY KINGDOM COME

What does it mean?

- ▶ But God's kingdom is both here and now—and yet to come.
- ▶ During Jesus' life on earth, his ministry was “to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, to recover sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor” (Luke 4:18, 19).



THY KINGDOM COME

What does it mean?

- ▶ When Jesus was around, people were freed from sickness, suffering, and pain.



THY KINGDOM COME

What does it mean?

- ▶ When Jesus returns to reign supreme, there will be no pain, suffering, or evil ever again.
- ▶ God will make everything right in the end.



THY KINGDOM COME

Scripture

Daniel 2:44

Revelation 21:3, 4



THY KINGDOM COME

Application

- ▶ Jesus said that the Kingdom of God was near (Mark 1:15).
- ▶ When asked when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”



THY KINGDOM COME

Application

- ▶ God's kingdom will be evident in the lives of those who make him their Lord.
- ▶ This petition asks the Lord to change our lives so that his goodness is always evident through us.



THY KINGDOM COME

Application

- ▶ Some people have interpreted this prayer as an invitation to impact culture by passing laws calling people back to safer moral standards.
- ▶ But Jesus made clear his Church's mission: to lead people to himself.



THY KINGDOM COME

Application

- ▶ Jesus commissioned all disciples to proclaim that Jesus is King and Lord over all ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)).
- ▶ Our obedience to this commission helps spread God's kingdom throughout the world.



THY KINGDOM COME

Application

- ▶ This prayer can function as a petition for the strength and power we need to usher in God's kingdom on earth.
- ▶ When we focus on recognizing and embracing God's reign in this world, we help to make it visible.



NEXT WEEK

4. THY WILL BE DONE

5. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

6. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

7. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

You are

Chosen!

But you are a chosen
generation, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation,
a peculiar people...

1 Peter 2:9



