



TEACH US HOW TO PRAY

Of all the things Jesus modeled and taught, it was the prayer life of Jesus that so intrigued the disciples causing them to ask, "Lord, teach us how to pray."

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BIG TRUTH: Honor the Father & Ask in Faith

Jesus Teaches How To Pray

Matthew 6:9-13 ⁹ "Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, Your Name be honored as Holy. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

If you are used to praying this from memory, you likely learned the KJV version that goes like this:

"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." This ending is not found in the earliest Greek manuscripts. It is a later addition found in 12-14th century manuscripts used by the KJV translators.¹

Jesus uses very few words (less than 70) in this prayer; it is simple and sincere, not wordy & eloquent, a *relational* prayer, not a ritual prayer.

Our Father in heaven

Father is a term that points to both the intimacy and authority of our relationship with God. As is true of a healthy relationship with your earthly father, you can approach God for comfort, while you also appreciate His discipline.

Your Name be honored as Holy

Holy is a term that means *separate, different* from all others. To **honor** our Father's 'Name' as **holy** is to recognize that only **He is GOD** (all-powerful) & only **He is GOOD** (character)!

NAMES of God

❖ **YAHWEH** is the proper name of God and the most common term used to refer to Him,² and likely means or **He is, the One who has always been.**³

- God's name is often attached to other words for phrases like **"Yahweh will provide"** (yhwh yir'e); **"Yahweh who heals you"** (yhwh rōpē'ekā); **"Yahweh is my banner"** (yhwh nissî); **"Yahweh who sanctifies you"** (yhwh mēqaddiškem); **"Yahweh is peace"** (yhwh šālôm)⁴

❖ **ADONAY** Rather than misuse God's Name (Ex 20:7), *Yahweh* was substituted with **Adonay** ("Lord" - ruler, master). *This is why LORD (caps) is in your English Bibles rather than "Yahweh".

❖ **TODAY** some Jews don't replace YHWH with Adonay when reading Scripture, but with **Ha-Shem** ("The Name").⁵

🔍 So many people in our day speak of God flippantly or even MISUSE the term "God". Do you use this phrase: "Oh my God!?" STOP! Correct yourself and correct your family. A good practice: Don't mention God unless you are taking TO HIM or ABOUT HIM.

¹ Biblical Studies Press, The NET Bible First Edition; Bible. English. NET Bible.; The NET Bible (Biblical Studies Press, 2005).

² Rachel Klippenstein, "Names of God in the Old Testament," ed. John D. Barry et al., The Lexham Bible Dictionary (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).

³ <https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/what-does-yahweh-mean-in-the-bible/>

⁴ Jonathan Lo, "Deity," ed. Douglas Mangum et al., Lexham Theological Wordbook, Lexham Bible Reference Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

⁵ <https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/what-does-yahweh-mean-in-the-bible/>

❖ **ELOHIM** - plural of *El* = *God*

❖ **SHADDAY** - *Almighty*

❖ **ELYON** - *Most High or Highest*

- Sometimes these terms are attached to *EL* (short for *ELOHIM* - *God*). ***El Shadday*** means “God Almighty” and ***El Elyon*** means “God Most High”.

🕒 The goal was never just to know God’s “name” in Hebrew - **but to know HIM!** These names and phrases tell us of His character, His power, His authority, and His grace. The heartbeat of God our Father is best seen through the Person of Jesus! Just hours before His death, look at what Jesus prayed.

John 17:6a I have revealed Your Name to the people You gave Me from the world.

It was the mission of Jesus to make the Father known to His disciples, who should begin prayer by **Honoring the Father**.

✓ Before we ask anything *OF* Him, we should bring something *TO* Him - **our recognition that HE is GOD and He is GOOD**; our recognition that **OUR FATHER** is **HOLY** - different from all others.

Mt 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Until His kingdom comes in fulness, *we not only pray* for His will to be done - **we OBEY for His will to be done**. We *PRAY EXPECTING* the kingdom to come from heaven to earth in the FUTURE and we *PARTICIPATE in EXPANDING* the Kingdom ON Earth right now! Praying that God’s will is done on earth means we want to fully obey God HERE just as He is fully obeyed in HEAVEN. Think of our PRAYER as a PARTNERSHIP where we pray:

“God...through OUR LIVES...May Your Name be honored; Your will be done, & Your Kingdom come.”

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❓ **Does that sound like how most of OUR prayers begin?**

Do your prayers start with, “*Bless me, bless me, bless me - build MY kingdom OR* with something like this: **“Father...Bless YOU, bless YOU, bless YOU! - BRING YOUR Kingdom!”?**

Mt 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

We ask our Father to provide for our daily physical needs, and we should. Too often we forget to ASK God & THANK God for His daily provision. The Jewish disciples of Jesus remembered the stories how God had provided food every day for 40 years during their wilderness wandering. That’s a lot of meals!

❓ **Have we become so self-confident that we have forgotten to ask & thank God for the basics?** Do you need Your Father’s help?

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Don’t just ask for **PHYSICAL needs**; ask for **SPIRITUAL needs** as well!

Mt 6:11 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Have you sinned against your Father? Ask Him to forgive you!

1) **Your Father WANTS to forgive your sin**, so ASK Him and TRUST Him - to forgive you!

2) Our Father who forgives us, expects us to forgive **our debtors**. Forgiving others *IS* about no longer lingering on what they owe us or calling attention to it, just as our Heavenly Father no longer brings up our offenses. Jesus reiterates this immediately following this prayer.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. But **if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses**.

❓ Have you wronged God? Have you been forgiven by God? Have you been wronged by another person? Have you forgiven him/her? How is holding that grudge **HONORING** God & **HELPING** you?

🕒 Those who have experienced God’s forgiveness should extend God’s forgiveness to others!

Mt 6:11 And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

DOES God LEAD us into temptation? No.

James 1:13a-14 ...God is not tempted by evil, and **He himself doesn't tempt anyone**. But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire.

Our own evil desires tempt us, along with **the evil one** that believers ask the Father to **deliver** them from. Followers of Jesus can even ask the Father to keep them from **temptation**. Jesus has the apostles pray this in Gethsemane: "*Pray that you may not fall into temptation.*" (**Luke 22:40, 46**).

② What if you prayed this for a brother/sister? 'God, please keep _____ from temptation, or protect him/her from the evil one this week.'

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This week, make the time to pray.

- Our God Hears because our God Cares.
- Remember Who You're Praying To.
- **Honor the Father & Ask in Faith**

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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