

God Is My Father

Matthew 6:9

Pray, then, in this way: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." NASB

The two most important words in that pattern prayer are the first two words, "Our Father."

First of all, we need to know that we can pray to a Father, that the world is not just a haphazard set of circumstances. It is not just a plaything of materialistic forces which no one can understand or control. We are more than just machines. We are more than just impulses. We are living, breathing human beings, created in the likeness of a God who loves us and cares for us and wants to be our Father. Behind everything in this world is not just some inanimate force, some mysterious power, but an eternal, living being, and He is our Father. He is in control. He created the world. He created us. He put us in the world. We are here because He put us here. That makes all the difference in the way we feel about life, about the world, about situations and circumstances. We don't need to be lonely. We don't need to be insecure. Everything is in the Father's hand.

And then, "He is *our* Father," He has a lot of children. We are just one of those children. We need to remember that the others are His children, too. We need to think about them, we need to care for one another. We need to be kind to one another. We need to provide for one another. We need to show the same love and compassion for one another that He shows for us. Remember, it's *our* Father.