

Made to Pray - Part 2 - Relationship
Luke 2

**THE LORD'S PRAYER TEACHES US HOW TO APPROACH
GOD IN PRAYER**

Luke 11:2a (ESV)

**² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:
‘Father, hallowed be your name.’”**

RELATIONSHIP (Icon)

Genesis 3:24 (ESV)

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 4:26 (ESV)

To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Two Hindrances to experiencing Relationship with God through prayer:

- **Afraid of God**

Romans 8:15 (ESV)

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

- **Ashamed of Yourself**

“You are more wicked than ever dared believe and yet, you are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than you ever dared hope.” -Tim Keller

Romans 8:1 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Three Helpful thoughts to experience Relationship with God through prayer:

- **Be Present with God the Father**

Exodus 33:9-11a (ESV)

⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

“Prayer isn’t merely learning how to say something but learning how to be with someone!”

- **Be Loved by the Father**

Jeremiah 31:3b (ESV)

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

- **Be Grateful for the Father**

Isaiah 64:8 (HCSB)

Yet, LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

1 John 3:1a (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

- *Places of Prayer*
- *Teach us to Pray*
- *Relationship*
- *Worship*
- *Partnership*