

Our Father – How to Pray Like Jesus

“Your Holy Name”

Luke 11:1-4

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Prayerless Christianity is Functional Atheism:

- Prayer is the main way we experience deep change—the reordering of our ‘loves.’
- Prayer makes it safe for God to give us many of the things we most need.
- Prayer is the way we know God, the way we treat God as God.
- Prayer is the entryway into genuine self-knowledge, for both affirmation and transformation.

"True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length." — Charles Spurgeon

Luke 11:1 — *Jesus, please teach us to pray like you pray.* What Jesus gives them is PERFECT. The Lord's Prayer is perfect because it is SIMPLE yet REVOLUTIONARY

Lk. 11:2, FATHER your name be honoured as holy.

- Establishes the RELATIONSHIP with God.
- Expresses God's IMMANENCE
- Embraces God's TRANSCENDENCE

Establishes a RELATIONSHIP with God as Father: **Lk. 11:13** *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly FATHER give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"* The Spirit is the MEANS by which we pray, and through whom we experience:

- Kingdom awareness, and the surrender of our will to God's will
- Trust by which daily needs are met, and the peace that comes with that trust
- Forgiveness and the removal of shame, reminding us that we are righteous in Christ
- Power to extend forgiveness to others, to experience hope of restoration.

Expresses God's IMMANENCE: **Matthew 27:50-51 CSB - 50** *But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. 51 Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom*

- The immanence of God is not a mere abstract doctrine but a source of comfort and confidence for believers in their daily lives.
- The Immanence of God means that God's holiness is not a threat, but rather that which is ascribed to Him by prayer through grace.

Embraces God's TRANSCENDENCE: *"God is immanent in all things, but He is not identical with them. His presence does not dissolve His transcendence."* – Herman Bavinck

When we appeal to the VARIED names of God, we are inviting God to demonstrate who He is to meet our need and give us the peace that He will be FAITHFUL to HIMSELF.

Jehovah Jireh - The LORD Who Will Provide

- Jehovah Rapha - The LORD Who Heals
- Jehovah Nissi - The LORD Is My Banner
- Jehovah Shalom - The LORD Is Peace
- Jehovah Tsidkenu - The LORD Our Righteousness
- Jehovah Shammah - The LORD Who Is There

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Series: Our Father – How Jesus Prayed

Title: Father, Your Name be Honored

Primary Passage: Lk. 11:1-13

Secondary Passage: Mt. 27:50-51

Big Question: Why does the Lord's Prayer begin with "Our Father, your name be honoured as holy?"

Big Idea: Praying "Our Father, you name be holy" is how we establish our relationship with God in preparation to experience the power of His immanence and transcendence.

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GOING DEEPER – Life Application Questions

Where did you see Christ working around you this week? How did it increase your hopefulness?

Share with others what your daily spiritual practices of scripture and prayer are. What works for you?

What do you find difficult about prayer?

Read Luke 11:1-4. In what ways is this the perfect prayer? What is the difference between praying it as a memory

Read Luke 11:5-13. What do these verses teach about the Fatherhood of God? How are these promises meant to shape our prayers? Why is the Spirit critical for a dynamic prayer life?

When you think of God's holiness do you desire to draw near to him, or withdraw from Him? What confidence do we have when God's holiness becomes a threat? How can we claim the work of Christ on the cross to empower our prayers?

What are some of the names of God shared that you would using to address a current need in your life?

Who in your life needs to know that God is a God who answers prayer? Pray for them and look for opportunities to tell that you are praying for them.