



Praying Like God's Holy Child

Lesson 4 • Matthew 6:9

Three Ways to Pray the Family Prayer

1. Pray to Your **FATHER**. “Your Father” (vv. 6, 8)

“Your Father” = Issue of PATERNITY: *Who’s your Daddy?*

As God’s Children, We Pray to the FATHER...

Who **meets us** in the secret place. (6:6)

Who will **reward us** with treasures beyond our expectation. (6:6)

Who **knows us** and our need before we ask. (6:8)

Who **loves us** as His children yet rules over all. (6:9)

Who **forgives us** as His children so we are forgiving to others. (6:14-15)

Do You Address “YOUR Father” When You Pray?

How Does God Become “Your Father”?

- By **BIRTH RIGHT** as a *child born again* into the family by Jesus’ blood. *John 1:12-13*
- By **LEGAL RIGHT** as a *son adopted* into the family by the Father’s choice. *Ephesians 1:4-6; Galatians 3:26; 4:6-7*

Remember as You Pray to “Your Father”

- He no longer treats you like a **SINNER** but like His own dear child!
- He no longer treats you like a **CHILD** but like His very own son!

2. Pray with Our **FAMILY**. “Our Father” (v. 9)

“Our Father” = Issue of FRATERNITY: *Where’s your Family?*

*“The Lord’s prayer binds the people together, and knits them one to another, so that one prays **for** another, and together **with** one another!” – Martin Luther*

“Our prayer is public and, common; and when we pray, we pray not for one, but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one.” – Cyprian, Church Father

How to Begin Praying with Our Family

- Learn to pray **WITH** one another. “our”

Why Start Here?

How Do I Get Started?

1. Be equipped during **SPECIFIC** times of prayer.
2. Take advantage of **SPONTANEOUS** times of prayer.
3. Don't miss out on **STRUCTURED** times of prayer.
4. Don't be afraid of **SYSTEMATIC** times of prayer.

- Learn to pray **FOR** one another. "us"

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Heart Cry for His Holiness on Earth as It Is in Heaven!	
<i>His GLORY</i> YOUR Name Be Holy YOUR Kingdom Come YOUR Will Be Done	<i>Our GOOD</i> Give US Our Daily Bread Forgive US Our Sins Deliver US from Evil
<i>For YOURS is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! AMEN!</i>	

The Lord's Prayer Is Jesus' Inspired Prayer List.

"this prayer [is] the sum and abridgment of all other prayers. All other prayers are contained in this prayer; yea, whatsoever mankind hath need of as to soul and body, that same is contained in this prayer." – English Reformer Hugh Latimer

3. Pray Like Our Older **BROTHER**. "Our Father who is in heaven" (v. 9)

"Our Father" = Issue of MAJESTY: Where's Your Father?

To Pray Like Our Older Brother Means Praying a PRE-OWNED Prayer.

To Pray Like Our Older Brother Requires a TRINITARIAN Trust.

Praying to the Father Like the Son with His Family Is...

- A heart cry of **HUMILITY**. "Pray, then,"

Obey His Precept to Pray

*Humble yourself to **MEMORIZE** the prayer and **UTILIZE** the pattern.*

- A heart cry for **HOLINESS**. "Therefore, pray in this manner"

Follow His Pattern of Prayer

*Pray for God's **GLORY** and other's **NEEDS** before our own.*

- A heart cry with **HOPEFULNESS**. "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen!"

Fulfill His Purpose in Prayer

*Pray with Kingdom **LONGING** and **LAMENTING!***

Is Your Heart Cry Like His Holy Children?

☐ I long to learn how to pray more to *My Father*.

I will renew my mind with...

- My birthright as His child: *The Father no longer treats me as a sinner but as His own dear child.*
- My legal right as His adopted son: *The Father no longer treats me like a child but as His very own Son.*

☐ I need to pray more with *Our Family*.

I will obey the Son and...

- Pray more **with** my spouse, my family, and my church family.
- Pray more **for** my spouse, my family, and my church family. *Join a GrowGroup!*
- Teach _____ to pray the Lord's prayer.

☐ I want to pray more like *the Son*.

By grace through faith...

- I will memorize the Lord's Prayer by the end of this series.
- I will meditate on the Lord's Prayer once a week on _____ for the rest of this series.
- I will pray the Lord's Prayer once a day for the rest of this series.
- I will pray the Lord's Prayer with _____ once a week.

☐ I will relax knowing the Spirit will help me as I learn to pray like *God's Holy Child!*

Matthew 6:5-9a Jesus Teaches the WAY to PRAY Before the WORDS to SAY.

VERSES	6:5	The WRONG Way	6:8	6:9a	The RIGHT Way	6:9a
PRAYING	<i>Like a PHARISAICAL HYPOCRITE</i> <i>"And when you pray, don't be like..." (5-6)</i>		<i>Like a PAGAN ORPHAN</i> <i>"Pray, then, in this way..." (7-8)</i>		<i>Like God's HOLY CHILD</i> <i>"Pray, then, in this way..." (9a)</i>	
APPROACH	Prayer ACTOR		Prayer MANIPULATOR		Prayer LEARNER	
EXAMPLE	Jewish PHARISEES		Gentile PAGANS		Christ's PUPIL	
FOCUS	Being SEEN of MEN		Being HEARD by the GODS		Being LIKE the SON	
GOAL	Be APPLAUDED		Get ANSWERS		Be HOLY	
ATTITUDE	SELF Is GOD		THINGS Are GOD		GOD Is FATHER	
CENTER	Self-Centered RELIGION		Man-Centered RITUAL		God-Centered RELATIONSHIP	
SOUL	Full of HYPOCRISY		Full of VERBOSITY		Full of HUMILITY	
MANNER	OSTENTATIOUS		REPETITIOUS		EFFICACIOUS	
FAITH	FAITHLESS		FATHERLESS		FAITH in the FATHER	
HEART	Heartache of PHONINESS		Heartache of LONELINESS		Heart Cry of HOLINESS	



"Pray, then, in this way..." Matthew 6:9a

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Praise the Father for being His child by the blood of Jesus and the heart changing power of His Holy Spirit. Thank Him for always hearing you when you pray to Him in secret as His son or daughter. Rejoice that by praying for His glory first before your own needs, you are transformed more into His likeness as His son or daughter.

Repent of not praying to *your Father* in heaven. Confess that it's easy to fall back into praying for just your own needs and the ones you love and neglect to pray for our church family, other Christians, and the salvation of the lost. Admit there are times when you pray in a mindless manner that's not focused on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Ask the Father to help you come before Him with the heart of a child who cares about spreading the Family Name, furthering the Family Business, and doing the Father's will. Ask Him to help our church family to pray together like His holy children with these same priorities. But then ask Him to provide for us, pardon us, and protect us as a church family.

Yield your heart and prayer life to the Father in the name of His Son. Surrender your struggles with prayer to Him, knowing His Spirit dwells within you to help you pray according to the Father's will. Commit to memorizing and utilizing the Lord's Prayer when you pray!



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