



## Our Father “The Lord’s Prayer” Series

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### Introduction

In the invocation to the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches how properly to address and relate to God.

### The Text: Matthew 6:9b

- 1) The Lord’s Prayer is made up of seven petitions with an invocation and doxology.

*Invocation: “Our Father in heaven,”*

*Petition 1: “hallowed be your name.”*

*Petition 2: “Your kingdom come,”*

*Petition 3: “your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

*Petition 4: “Give us this day our daily bread,”*

*Petition 5: “and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”*

*Petition 6: “And lead us not into temptation,”*

*Petition 7: “but deliver us from evil.”*

*Doxology: “For yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

- 2) The title “Father” teaches us that prayer is an act of intimacy.
- 3) The pronoun “our” before “Father” teaches us that prayer is an act of fellowship.
- 4) The phrase “in heaven” teaches us that prayer is an act of adoration.

### Response

Our prayer life – and Christian life – should reflect intimacy, fellowship, and adoration.

## Sunday Text Questions for Matthew 6:9b (Lord's Prayer Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What exposure have you had to the Lord's Prayer in your life?
- 2) When you think of a "Father," what comes to mind?
- 3) How might our experience with an earthly father help or hurt our understanding of God as our Father?
- 4) Why do you think God would use the metaphor of "Father" in Scripture as the primary way to explain who he is and how he relates to his children?
- 5) Why is it important that the Lord's Prayer begins with "our Father" and not "my Father?"
- 6) What does the word "our" teach us about our fellowship with other Christians and our unique, shared identity as the church, brothers and sisters in Christ?
- 7) What does the Bible teacher, D. A. Carson, mean when he says this about the word "our:"  
"Christians are not to construe spirituality in terms of the rugged individualism which stamps so much Western thought?"
- 8) What does the phrase "in heaven" teach us about who God is and the power with which God works?
- 9) This opening statement is an invocation, a call to God. What makes this an appropriate way to address God in prayer?
- 10) How does praying to a loving, all-powerful "Father" give you comfort and confidence in your life right now?

**Further study this week:** Key biblical texts on God as Father: Exodus 4 (Mon); Isaiah 64 (Tues); Jeremiah 3 (Wed); John 17 (Thurs); Ephesians 1 (Fri).