

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name

In the opening line of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us the importance of opening our prayers by acknowledging who we're talking to. Join us as we study the first petition of the Lord's Prayer and dig into Scriptures that help us better understand what we mean and what we're asking when we pray "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name." We'll discuss what this opening line acknowledges about who God is, what it affirms about our own identity, what it communicates about our relationship with God, and what it means for us.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you describe the purpose of prayer?
- If someone were listening in on your prayer life, how would they describe what you pray about?



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READ [Matthew 6:9](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does the term "Father" in the Lord's Prayer impact your understanding of God's relationship with you?
- In segment 2, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney highlight the balance between viewing God as a Father and recognizing his majesty and transcendence as "in heaven." Do you resonate with God's nearness as well as his transcendence in your daily life? Why or why not? If one resonates with you more easily than the other, why do you think that is?
- In what ways can remembering God's holiness in your prayers improve your attitude and behavior so that you reflect the holiness of God's name in your daily interactions?
- In segment 3, Darrell and Scott discuss how prayer changes us to be more like Christ. How has your own experience with prayer shaped or transformed your character? What specific changes have you noticed in yourself as a result of your prayer life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Luke 11:1-4](#), [Romans 8:14-16](#), [1 John 3:1-3](#), [Ezekiel 36:22-23](#)

CONCLUSION

Prayer can be a joyful, but challenging part of our relationship with God. Prayer takes practice. Try using the following prompts in your prayers this week to help you practice remembering God's nearness and holiness.

- "Dear Father, thank you for being near me today as I..."
- "Dear Father, I confess that I fell short of your holiness when I..."
- "Dear Father, I'm your clay. Shape me into the likeness of Jesus as I..."

May you know the intimate embrace of your Father in heaven as he leads you in the way of holiness through the work of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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