

“OUR FATHER”

Matthew 6:5-9

Who are you talking to when you pray?

LET’S GET STARTED

The Lord’s Prayer, found in Matthew 6 and Luke 11, is the most famous prayer in the world, and one of the most instantly recognizable pieces of writing. Also called the Model Prayer, it was Jesus’ answer to His disciples when they asked Him how to pray. Over the next few Sundays, we will dig into this prayer to discover the right ways to pray.

LET’S HEAR THE WORD

Matthew 6:5-9—⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, . . .”

- The Lord’s Prayer isn’t intended to be memorized and recited, but followed as an _____ of how to talk to God.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: . . .”

- Prayer should be addressed to the _____.

⁶“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, . . .”

- God _____ prayer.

⁶“ . . . Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Quotable

The closest the Bible comes to giving a “pattern” for prayer is the Lord’s Prayer. Please understand that the Lord’s Prayer is not a prayer we are to memorize and recite to God. It is an example of the things that should go into prayer: worship, trust in God, requests, confession, and submission.

—Michael Houdmann

Pray to the Father in the power of the Spirit, and in the name or by the authority and the merit of the Son.

—John Piper

If you would like to know more

The Lord’s Prayer, by William Barclay (John Knox Press, 1999)

“OUR FATHER” (Matthew 6:5-9)

THE ROLES OF THE TRINITY IN PRAYER

- God the Father is the _____ of your prayer.

Ephesians 3:14-15—¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

- God the Son is the _____ by which you pray.

John 14:13-14—¹³ “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

- God the Holy Spirit is your _____ in prayer.

Romans 8:26-27—²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put the truths about prayer we have seen today into practice by addressing God the Father when we pray, by keeping our prayers authentic and heartfelt, and by trusting the Holy Spirit to get our point across to the Father when talk to Him.

If you would like to speak to any of our Pastors about a spiritual need in your life, here is their contact information:

Church phone: 843.569.6745

Pastor David: Office extension 11, email: dcoleman@crowfieldbaptist.org

Pastor Gary: Office extension 14, email: gfabian@crowfieldbaptist.org

Pastor Andy: Office extension: 18, email: aanderson@crowfieldbaptist.org

You may also discover what the Bible says about how to become a Christian by visiting the following page on our website: <http://www.crowfieldbaptist.com/salvation/>