



Teach Us to Pray – “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”
Matthew 6:9-13

“Lord, teach us to pray”

Prayer - an ongoing relational dialogue with God.

Be drawn by GRACE to pray, not driven by guilt to pray.

Pray then like this ...

- *When prayer is a RECITING RITUAL void of RELATIONSHIP it's reckless.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

- *Our prayer life is to be COMMUNAL, not merely individual.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- *Prayer is RELATIONAL, not transactional.*
- *Prayer is ACKNOWLEDGEMENT that God is our RESCUER.*

Our Father in heaven (in the heavens), hallowed be your name.

- *Prayer is INTIMACY with God. He's not merely in a far-off place.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- *Hallowed = set apart, holy, distinct*
- *Prayer is LONGING for all people to know God personally.*
- *Prayer is giving ADORATION to who God is, what He has done, is doing, and will do.*

May we pray with ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and ADORATION of our LORD.

Memory Verse:

"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever." - Psalm 145:1-2 (NIV)

Further Study:

Read: *Matthew 6:9-13 in your group or with at least one other person.*

- 1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.*
- 2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.*
- 3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.*

Discuss:

- 1. What does the passage reveal about God?*
- 2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?*

Act:

- 1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?*
- 2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.*