

HIGHER POWER

“Our Father”

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. (Amen.)

¹ It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, **“Lord, teach us to pray** just as John also taught his disciples.” ² And He said to them, “When you pray, say: **‘Father**, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³ ‘Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ ‘And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’”
Luke 11:1-4 (NASB)

⁵ “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. **Matthew 6:5-8 (NASB)**

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: **‘Our Father who is in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ ‘Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ ‘And do not lead us into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Matthew 6:9-13 (NASB)

1. The prayer in Luke is shorter than the one in Matthew.

2. Notice the brackets. They are there because this “ending” of the prayer was added much later.

“OUR” means prayer is communal.

- **Matthew 18:19** - If two of you agree together, it will be done by My Father.
- **Matthew 18:20** - Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them.
- **James 5:16** - Pray for one another for healing. Prayer changes things.
- **2 Chronicles 7:14** - If my people humble themselves in prayer, I will forgive them and heal their land.
- **James 5:14-15** - If you are sick, have the elders pray over you.
- **Acts 2:42** - The church devoted themselves together to the apostles teaching and prayed together.
- **Acts 12:12** - And they gathered together and prayed together.

“FATHER” defines our relationship with God.

⁹ *“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? ¹³ **If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”***

Luke 11:9-13 (NASB)

Our relationship with God is foremost a CHILD approaching a loving FATHER.

⁶ *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “**Abba! Father!**”*
Galatians 4:6 (NASB)