

# "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name."

Matthew 6: 9-13  
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Jesus taught His disciples the Model Prayer, setting them a clear pattern to follow in humble, obedient, effective prayer. Let's meditate on each blessed portion of His prayer.

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.

## Matthew 6: 9-13

Jesus teaches us to pray to our Father  
whose very name is holy,  
for His Kingdom to come  
and His Will to be done  
here on earth  
just as it is blessedly done  
in Heaven above.  
He will give us the bread that we need.  
He will forgive us our debts  
and empower us and teach us  
to forgive debtors to us.  
He will never  
give us over to the tempter  
but will deliver us  
from him who is evil.  
His be the power.  
His be the glory.  
His be the Kingdom  
forever,  
forever  
and forever.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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"Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name."

If Jesus begins His prayer by honoring  
God, His Father, lifting up His Name  
in reverence bent on obedience  
and in His pure heart  
a sense of wonder before the One who  
sustains the universe and more  
lovingly forms each star and  
calls each by her own name;  
then Father, teach me this same holy  
faithfulness as His which lifts  
You up in holy praise and  
aligns my heart with Your  
perfect Name as I bow down within  
my spirit and in wonder and  
in love and faith as I  
come awed into Your Presence.

Your Kingdom come.  
Your Will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

As Jesus prayed with His whole heart  
and mind and soul  
for Your Kingdom  
glory coming on this earth  
until the hearts of humankind  
might as humbly  
and obedient  
and joyfully  
see Your perfect Will be done  
as are the saints  
and all the angels  
worshipping and  
serving our great God in Heaven,  
so let us join in  
praying for His  
Kingdom's rising.

Give us this day our daily bread.

... and here our Lord  
models for us  
His perfect trust  
in our Father  
for He truly knows  
every single need  
is met for us  
in His loving hands  
where He holds us

every waking moment  
and every precious  
hour resting in those  
Creator and Sustainer  
and Perfector's hands—  
as our Lord and  
Master's heart knows how  
deeply He is loved,  
even so, do we . . .

And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

. . . for only He  
who gave His Son  
to set us free  
from all our sin  
can forgive our  
debt we owe  
to Him, and  
as He cleanses  
every stain  
once so dark  
upon our heart  
He grants us  
resurrection  
power so we  
can live whole  
and absolutely  
free, and in our  
liberty  
grant us His  
forgiving  
power to  
so set others  
free, so we  
are doubly blessed,  
doubly freed . . .

But do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

. . . but Father, in Your perfect love  
we know and trust you will not lead  
us into temptation, but as Your  
Holy Word proclaims  
will guard us by Your Word  
and by Your Spirit and by Your  
Holy Son, that you will  
guide us in Your narrow path  
as You protect us from the  
evil one who entices us  
and distracts us and keeps  
us vulnerable and  
liable to his deadly traps  
and fearsome arrows aimed  
with hatred at our very  
hearts and minds and lives—  
but keep our eyes fixed  
on the Cross where Jesus  
won the battle for our souls

once and for all in Your power  
over sin and death  
as gloriously proven  
in His resurrection,  
our wondrous heritage . . .

For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory.

Graciously and mercifully and lovingly  
my Father in Heaven  
hears my every prayer  
and as His Spirit  
guides me and as His Son  
redeems and walks with me  
and as my Father  
shepherds me  
He, indeed, is most holy,  
high and lifted up,  
He is building  
willingly His Kingdom  
upon this Earth,  
even as He rules  
in absolute authority  
on His throne  
in Heaven above,  
He consistently,  
unerringly provides  
my every need,  
He forgives me  
even as He  
empowers my  
forgiving others,  
He leads me in and through  
and away through temptation  
and finally,  
eternally  
deliverers me  
from the evil one—  
and my heart and soul  
must sing and offer up my praise,  
His is the Kingdom,  
the Power and the Glory  
forever and forever.