

Our Father... (and more)

June 2, 2024 Message Notes *Matthew 6:9*

NOTES

An ancient prayer - but full of fresh truth that transforms lives when applied in personal faith.

"This, then is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us



today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:9-13

We are not memorizing words to say, we want to experience the meaning Jesus intends us to share with God through Him in prayer.

It holds in it the unfolding promise of better mental health.

In praying "Our Father" Jesus is sharing his relationship with God as loving Father with us.

We are to think relationally when we pray, to know God in relationship.

Father: the source of life, a parent with authority and life-giving power, a progenitor whose seed engenders life - the life that enlivened Jesus.

In heaven: High and lifted up, transcendent in glory.



Jesus Christ was the Word made flesh, God's glory wrapped up in humanness come to set us free.

Jesus always spoke of his Father as good, generous, willing to listen and pour out blessing, and give his Holy Spirit to all who ask.

A relationship with God - invisible and immaterial yet more real than physical life and the material world – is available in prayer.

Who is God the Father?

Your Life-giver, the Center and Source of all that is.

Hallowed: Utterly set apart, holy, and unique. **Name:** the essence and character of all God is.

When we pray we seek to know God for who he is: holy Other, set apart, higher, greater, life-giving Source and Center of all that is.

God is Creator. We are creation.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

All You are is the Center and Source of all that is.

Be that for us. Be that for me.



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Prayer

Releases

All

Your

Eternal

Resources

Like a huge spigot we open so the blessings can come out.

Prayer is a relationship we share, not simply a ritual we do.

God wants to have a relationship with you.

We want to do more than hear about it, think about it and imagine what it would be like. We want to do it.

Through prayer, reach out and connect with God as Jesus teaches us.

