

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Our Father Exalted

Matthew 6:9-13

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1. Our Fa - ther ex - alt - ed, ma - jes - tic a - bove, Com -  
2. From strug - gle and van - i - ty, Fa - ther, we come To  
3. How rich Your pro - vis - ion for bod - y and soul! You

G<sup>6</sup> D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  B<sup>m7</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{A_{sus}}{E}$  A  $\frac{A}{G}$

plete in all pow - er and wis - dom and love, We  
You, the great Do - er of all that is done. Your  
bless ev - 'ry mo - ment while guid - ing the whole. You

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see You in splen - dor and pray and pro - claim That  
pur - pose is per - fect. Our view is so small. Be  
feed us and heal us and help us to see How

B<sup>m</sup> *accel.*  $\frac{E_m}{G}$  G<sup>M7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D D

all Your cre - a - tion will wor - ship Your name.  
Lord ev - 'ry mo - ment! Be Lord o - ver all!  
deep our de - pen - dence, how to - tal our need!

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Your King - dom, Your pow - er, Your glo - ry to -

day! Your good - ness, Your mer - cy, Your keep - ing, we

pray! pray! pray!

TOPICS: Faith; God Our Father; Lord's Prayer; Praise & Worship; Prayer

LEAD-IN: *"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 the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.  
(Matthew 6:9-13 & margin; NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Six Wishes

Have you ever noticed how short and simple is the model prayer Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer? Nothing long-winded and fancy. Short phrases. Simple words.

The shape is also simple. The prayer is framed by an opening, *Our Father in heaven*, and a closing, *for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*. The body of the prayer is six short petitions:

*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*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one*

Think about this for a moment. What if God were to give you six wishes? You could ask for these wishes each and every day. What would they be? Money, health, comfort, a fulfilling life?

But look at the "six wishes" Jesus gives us in the Lord's Prayer. Our loving heavenly Father knows and wants what's best for us. What does He tell us to ask for every day? None of our typical requests are anywhere on the list.

Have you ever listened to children when they're on an outing? It doesn't matter what magnificent sights are all around them. Their requests are, "I'm thirsty," "I'm tired," "Do we have to . . . ?" "Is it lunchtime yet?" They react out of temporary desires. They speak out of pain, fatigue, or false expectations. They don't know what's best for them. They can't see the whole picture. They're entirely wrapped up in their own immediate comfort.

As God's children, we tend to react the same way. What we ask from God often has very little to do with our real happiness. We don't know what's best for us.

So why does our Father give us these six petitions to pray every day? The first three teach submission, asking for God's will. The last three teach dependence, asking for God's daily provision and deliverance from sin.

Why these six? Because they focus first and foremost on our relationship with our Father. They say, "Father, I need You. I need Your will, Your provision, Your forgiveness, Your protection."

The Lord's Prayer focuses on our relationship with God our Father, for that is the key to happiness. That relationship is the key to peace, strength, and harmony in every aspect of life.

What kind of relationship with God does this prayer teach and form in us?

- Simple, natural, open, and intimate
- Submissive

- Trusting and dependent

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