

Hallowed Be Your Name

*Hallowed be Your name.
May Your name be lifted up as holy.
May You be honored, worshiped,
feared, and exalted.
I worship You.
I stand in awe of You, Father.
May all the world worship before You.*

Hallowed be Your name -- literally, may Your name be sanctified or set apart as holy. God's name is His reputation. When we speak of someone having a good name or a bad name, we're referring to their reputation.

So what are we asking for when we pray this petition? We are wanting God to be respected, worshiped, and exalted.

By whom? Are we praying that God be exalted in our own hearts or in the hearts of those around us or by the whole world?

The answer is yes to all three. Remember that the Lord's Prayer never specifies the realm of the petition. It can be as narrow or as broad as our own concerns.

This petition can be personal. It is an opportunity to praise God for all He is and all He has done in our lives.

This petition can be a chance to get beyond our self-centeredness:

*Father, may You be glorified today, not me.
May You be honored
in my thoughts,
in my words,
in everything I do.*

This petition can be a prayer that those we love may come to know and worship God. Or it can express the deep desire that the entire world may honor and exalt the Living God. Can you imagine such a world? It is coming! This petition gives us a daily vision of that hope: our entire race bowing, worshiping before the one true God.

*Lord God,
may my children praise You.
May my neighbors and friends praise You.
May that struggling heart praise You
right now.
May Your Church praise You.*

*May all the earth, all creation
praise Your holy name
forever and ever!*

Hymn options:
Father, Your Name
From You, Through You, To You

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