

In the Secret Places: Praying to Our Father

Matthew 6:9–10

Opening Discussion:

1. When most people think about prayer, what do they envision?
2. What do most people think is the purpose of prayer? What is the real purpose of prayer?
3. If we were to measure the content of our prayers, what percentage of it would be about us, and what percentage would be about God and His kingdom?
4. How does it change our prayer life when we focus on God's will and His kingdom?

Prayer is first and most importantly about _____ and His _____.

Explore the Passage

1. _____ **Father in _____.**

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Acts 7:59-60

". . . all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours." 1 Corinthians 1:2

"Our Lord, come! (maranatha)" 1 Corinthians 16:22

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20

The New Testament pattern of prayer:

We pray to the Father, in the Name of the Son, through the Power of the Spirit.

2. _____ **be your name.**

In our prayers this is a prompt:

- For statements of praise
- To pray that we would rightly honor God's name
- To pray that God's name would be honored as holy in all places by all people

3. **Your _____ come, your _____ be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

- For God's kingdom and will to rule in our hearts.
- For God's kingdom and will to rule in the hearts of others.
- For God's kingdom and will to rule in families, cultures, nations, and the entire world.

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Fill in the Blank Answers:

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1. Our, heaven
2. Hallowed
3. kingdom, will

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