

**Praying Like Jesus**  
**Powerful Prayers | Matthew 6:9-13**  
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**Introduction:** We are closing out our series on Powerful Prayers from the Bible with what is likely the most well known prayer recorded in the Scriptures, The Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is made up of a few simple parts, but these simple requests are strung together by a common aim, God's glory. This theme reveals a great deal about what our prayers ought to center on as well as the heart of our Savior teaching us to pray.

Side Note: How amazing is it that God the Son taught us how to pray to God the Father? We get to hear an internal conversation amongst the Trinity!

**Addressing Our God of Intimate Love and Unrivalled Power...**

1. **Our Father** – Jesus wants us to start our prayers by remembering that God is not far, distant, and uninterested, but rather He is close, engaged in our lives, and He loves us intensely.
  - These are hallmarks of a good father and God is THE Good Father (Matt 7:11). This should encourage us to eagerly run to our Father for help as a child runs to his Dad.
2. **In Heaven** - While the God we are praying to is near us and loves us intimately, He is in heaven. Heaven is where the throne of God resides, where God rules (Psa 13:19). The fact that God resides in Heaven speaks to His power, His sovereignty. He sits over all of creation as its owner.
  - Without this truth, why even pray? It would be pointless if God was just a sympathetic ear. He isn't though. He rules over all things from the major to the mundane (Jer 32:17).

**...To Seek the Glory of God...**

1. **Hallow Your Name** – Hallow means to sanctify or set apart from that which is common. Jesus' prayer is that we would set God apart in our hearts, treasuring Him supremely.
2. **Bring Your Kingdom** – The kingdom of God is God's rule, which is gladly embraced today in the hearts of believers and one day will be celebrated in Heaven/the New Earth. Jesus is asking for God's rule to expand today and for the hastening of eternity's climax.
3. **Your Will Be Done** – Jesus is praying for God's eternal plan for all of creation to come to pass exactly as He scripted it. Additionally, God's

will isn't something that is only executed in the abstract or in situation around us, it is carried out in the details of our lives.

**Application:** Our prayer lives reveal much about our hearts. Jesus' first request was that God would be treasured. We see that a deep love for God and His glory is what was on Jesus' heart. What would an analysis of your prayers reveal about your heart? What do you value most?

**Application:** Jesus prayed for God's rule to spread and will to be done. if we were to take an inventory of all of your prayer requests and assess them what would we find? Who's kingdom/will would we think you are most concerned with? Yours or God's?

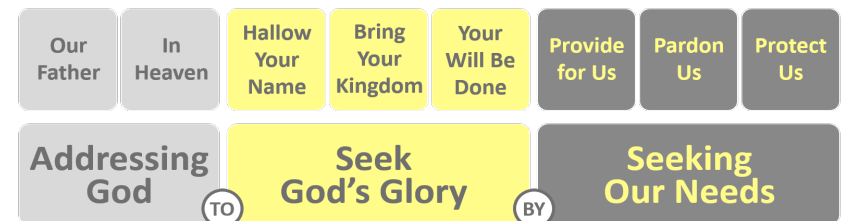
**...By Seeking Our Needs.**

1. **Provide For Us** – Bread represents what we need to live physically. Notice Jesus doesn't ask for an abundance, just what is needed for that day. His request is for God to provide for our physical needs so that we may be who God has called us to be. To live is Christ (Philippians 1:21).

**Application:** Are your requests for physical needs motivated by the glory of God?
2. **Pardon Us** – Sin hampers our fellowship with God (Isa 59:1-2) and we all sin so we need to go to God regularly to seek His forgiveness.
3. **Protect Us** – As we just mentioned, we all sin, we are vulnerable. Additionally, we have an enemy (1 Pet 5:8). So we need help, we need God to equip us and guard us from the evil one.

**Application:** 2 of 3 requests Jesus sought God for were spiritual. What does this tell us about what Jesus thinks we need? Our greatest needs are spiritual. Does your prayer life reflect this?

**Visual Verses**  
**The Lord's Prayer | Matthew 6:9-13**



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