

TODAY'S MESSAGE, JULY 20, 2025
Series: God's Answer To Every Need
"What Is God Really Like?"
(Matthew 6:9)
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"This, then, is how you should pray:
'Our Father in heaven'..."
(Matthew 6:9)

The Paternity of God

What Kind Of Father Is God?

1. God is a _____

The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. (Psalm 103:13, NLT)

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you. (1 Peter 5:7, NLT)

"So don't worry about having enough food or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." (Matthew 6:31-33, NLT)

2. God is a _____

Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above... he never changes or casts shifting shadows. (James 1:17, NLT)

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.
(2 Timothy 2:13, NLT)

What a God he is! How perfect in every way! All his promises prove true.
(Psalm 18:30, TLB)

3. God is a _____

"God did this so people would... reach out for him and find him, since he is not far from each of us." (Acts 17:27)

God is never _____

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)

God loves to _____

"If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matthew 7:11)

God is sympathetic _____

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

4. God is a _____

"For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

(God) is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!
(Ephesians 3:20, TLB)

For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
(Galatians 3:26, TLB)

...to all who believed him and accepted him he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."
- Jesus (John 14:9)

My response to today's message

- 1)** Did you pray The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) this past week? Share how you are doing in your conversation with God.
- 2)** What does the name "Father" mean to you? For your understanding of God? For the way you approach Him?
- 3)** Review and discuss the ways in which God is a caring Father. How have you benefited from His sovereign care?
- 4)** Review and discuss how God is a consistent Father. When and how have you witnessed His consistency?
- 5)** Review and discuss what it means that God is a close Father. Of the three applications of this truth, which is the most meaningful to you now, and why?
- 6)** God is a capable Father. In what ways have you experienced the truth of Luke 1:37 and Ephesians 3:20? In what ways do you need to trust God for the "impossible"?
- 7)** Read Galatians 3:26 and John 1:12. Why and how do these two verses relate to one another?
- 8)** Read John 14:9. Why is it so important to focus on Jesus in order to see the Father?

This week read through the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 at least once each day. Then take some time to pray about the concerns that touch your life, based on this paradigm of prayer.

Pray with and for one another in your small group, focusing on how you can implement "Prayer—Care—Share" this week. Who is your One? Pray that we will strive and thrive to know Christ and make Him known.

What is the main thing that God has impressed upon you today?

What are you going to do about it?

Remember: The smallest obedient act is better than the greatest intention.

Primary resources: *The Prayer of Jesus*, Ken Hemphill. *Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough*, Elmer L. Towns. *The Great House of God*, Max Lucado. *The Encouraging Word*, Rick Warren. Matthew Commentaries by D.A. Carson, John MacArthur, John Stott, Warren Wiersbe. *The Lord's Prayer*, Philip Keller. *Praying Jesus' Way*, B.J. Dodd. *When You Pray*, P.G. Ryken. *The Prayer That God Answers*, Michael Youseff.

Many prayers are recorded in the Bible, and each one has different words by which to approach God and different titles by which to call Him. Many were great prayers because of their great answers. The Lord's Prayer, however, is the greatest prayer, taught to us by the greatest Person for the greatest breadth of requests, and who has the greatest title for God. Because there is simplicity in greatness, when you pray, say, "Our Father which art in heaven" – the simplest prayer that has the greatest influence.

(Dr. Elmer Towns)

What do we know about the relationship between Jesus and the Father from Luke 2:49? If you know Jesus, what privilege do you have because you are a child of God? (1 John 1:3) What relationship do you, as a believer, have with the Father? (Romans 8:15) What assurance can you have from the Father? (John 17:11) What can you receive from the Father, and what will this do for you? (Ephesians 1:17) What does the Father give to His children? (James 1:17) What does the Father do for His own? (Jude 1) What happens to our relationship with the Father when we sin? (1 John 2:1)

We can never expect to grow in the likeness of our Lord unless we follow His example and give more time to communion with the Father.

(E.M. Bounds)

Our Mission

Know Christ (Philippians 3:10) & Make Him Known (Acts 1:8)

***A Great Commitment to
The Great Commandment (Matt. 22:35-40)
The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)***

Growth Covenant

MY COMMITMENT TO GROW

***Having received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord,
I make the following commitment:***

Daily Time With God (in His Word and prayer)

Daily Witness for God (share His love with others)

Weekly Worship and Fellowship (worship, small group)

Faithful Stewardship (generously give my time, talents, treasure)

***Would you like to experience and enjoy peace with God
and share His peace with others?
Go to peacewithgod.net to learn more.***

***Each One Reach One! Who is your One?
Go to whosyourone.com to learn more.***