

FOUNDATIONS: THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name (Matthew 6:9).

Our Father in Heaven

A. General Direction: Declare who God and the significance of our relationship with Him.

B. Exodus 4:22-23. 2 Samuel 7:14. Psalm 103.

C. Possible Expansion: *Father, you are great! You are full of wisdom and all power! You are the most significant relationship in our lives. We care what you think, and what your plan is. We know that we are significant to you. You have adopted us and brought us near. Your plan is not to destroy us but to save us, heal us, and build your family.*

Hallowed Be Your Name

A. General Direction: Praise Yahweh and ask that he be honored more and more.

B. Exodus 4:17-18; Exodus 20:3; Exodus 34:6-7; Ezekiel 36:22-23.

C. Possible Expansion: *May the nations come to know you, Yahweh, and the greatness of your name. That's what the world needs, that's when justice will break through. I don't want my name glorified, I want your name to be worshipped above all the others.*

1. Jesus isn't necessarily giving us a formula, but more of a guideline for our prayer life. In verse nine, what is he telling us to make sure to include in our prayer lives?
2. Write out a prayer and spend 10-15 minutes praying in line with the guidelines in verse nine.

3. Spend a few minutes processing that prayer time together as a couple, family or group. How did that time go? What did you do well? What didn't go well? Was it awkward? Encouraging? Easy? Silent? Our communication with God is obviously really important, and we grow in our prayer lives by praying together. And we also grow by honestly processing that prayer time together.

4. How does Jesus's model for prayer develop priorities in our lives?

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

1. Jesus isn't giving us a formula of words to say, but more of a template for our prayer life. In verse ten, what is he telling us to make sure to include in our prayer lives?
2. Write out a prayer and spend 10-15 minutes praying in line with the guidelines in verse ten.
3. Spend a few minutes now processing that prayer time together as a couple, family or group. How did that time go? What did you do well? What didn't go well? Was it awkward? Encouraging? Easy? Silent? Our communication with God is obviously really important, and we grow in our prayer lives by praying together. And we also grow by honestly processing that prayer time together.
4. How does this petition about God's kingdom develop priorities in our lives?

