

THE LORD'S PRAYER

160. **What is the prayer our Lord Jesus taught his disciples to pray?**

The traditional version of the Lord's Prayer is this:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Matthew 6:9-13; see also Luke 11:2-4)

161. **Why should you learn the Lord's Prayer?**

I should learn the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his disciples as both a practice and a pattern for prayer to God the Father. *(Matthew 6:5-8; Luke 11:1, 5-13)*

162. **Why should you practice the Lord's Prayer?**

I should pray the Lord's Prayer regularly because it teaches me to pray as Jesus commanded and to desire what his Father wills. *(Psalm 34; Matthew 12:46-50; 26:36-44; 1 John 5:14-15)*

163. How is the Lord's Prayer a pattern for prayer?

The Lord's Prayer models the primary types of prayer: praise of God, intercession for his rule, petition for his provision and protection, and confession of sins. I should pray regularly in all these ways. (*Psalm 150; Isaiah 63:7–64:12; Acts 9:36–43; 3 John 2*)

164. What are the parts of the Lord's Prayer?

The traditional form of the Lord's Prayer begins by addressing God the Father, makes seven petitions, adds a doxology, and concludes with "Amen."

**THE ADDRESS: "OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN HEAVEN"**

165. Why do we call God "Father"?

We call God "Father" because Jesus teaches his disciples that we are God's children and should call God "our Father." (*Exodus 4:22; Psalm 73:15; Isaiah 43:6; Matthew 23:8–9; 2 Corinthians 6:18; see questions 39–40*)

166. Who are God's children?

All who come to God through faith and Baptism in Christ are adopted as children of God the Father. (*Deuteronomy 32:1–6; Isaiah 30:1; John 1:12–13; Romans 8:14–16; 1 John 3:1–3*)

167. Why does Jesus teach us to pray "our" Father?

Jesus teaches us always to understand ourselves not only as individuals but as members of God's family of believers, and to pray accordingly. (*Psalm 147; Romans 8:14–19; 1 Peter 1:17*)

168. How is God like earthly fathers?

Like all loving and sincere earthly fathers, God loves us in our weakness, provides for our needs, teaches us in our ignorance,

and corrects us when we go astray. (*Psalm 103:12-14; Luke 11:11-13; Hebrews 12:5-10*)

169. How is God unlike earthly fathers?

Unlike our natural fathers, our heavenly Father loves us perfectly, is almighty in his care, makes no errors in judgment, and disciplines us only for our good. (*1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-36; Psalm 145:8-21; Luke 11:11-13; 15:11-32; Hebrews 12:9-11*)

170. What is heaven?

Heaven is the realm of God's presence, power, and glory, which exists invisibly alongside this visible realm, and from which God hears the prayers of his children. (*1 Kings 8:27-30; Psalm 11:4; Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 18:10; John 3:31; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 9:24; Revelation 21:1-2*)

171. How does your Father in heaven help you here on earth?

Because God is in all places and knows all things, he hears and answers my prayers, directs my paths, and strengthens me in times of trouble. (*2 Samuel 22; Psalms 23; 46; Matthew 6:6-8, 25-34; 7:9-11; James 1:5*)

**THE FIRST PETITION:
“HALLOWED BE THY NAME”**

172. What is the first petition?

The first petition is “Hallowed be thy Name.” (*Matthew 6:9; see also Psalms 99:3; 105:1-3; John 12:27-28; see questions 283-89*)

173. What is God's Name?

God's Name reveals who he is—his nature, his character, his power, and his purposes. The Name God reveals to Moses is “I AM WHO I AM” or simply “I AM” (*Exodus 3:6, 14*). This Name means that he

alone is truly God, he is the source of his own Being, he is holy and just, and he cannot be defined by his creatures. (*Exodus 3:6, 14; 15:11; Psalm 99; Isaiah 5:16; 42:8; 47:4; John 8:58; Revelation 1:8*)

174. What are some other names for God given in Scripture?

Throughout the Scriptures, God is known as “Lord.” Through the Person and ministry of Jesus Christ, God is also revealed to be one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:24*)

175. What does “hallowed” mean?

“Hallowed” means to be treated as holy—set apart, sacred, and glorified. (*Exodus 13:1–12; Leviticus 22:31–33; Deuteronomy 6:7–8; Psalm 11:4–7; Isaiah 6:1–8; Luke 2:22–35; 2 Timothy 2:19–22*)

176. How does God hallow his Name?

God’s Name is holy in itself, and God glorifies his Name by saving fallen humanity, by building his Church, and by establishing his kingdom in this world and in the age to come. (*Nehemiah 9:9–10; Psalm 111:9; Ezekiel 36:22–32; Luke 1:49; John 12:23–28; Acts 4:24–31; Ephesians 5:25–27; 1 Peter 2:4–9*)

177. How can you hallow God’s Name?

I can honor God’s Name as holy by worshiping him, serving others, and living in loving obedience as his child and a citizen of his kingdom. (*Deuteronomy 4:6–8; Psalm 105:1–6; Ezekiel 36:16–32; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 13:15–16*)

**THE SECOND PETITION:
“THY KINGDOM COME”**

178. What is the second petition?

The second petition is “Thy kingdom come.” (*Matthew 6:10*)

179. **What is God's kingdom?**

The kingdom of God is the just and peaceful reign of Jesus Christ over all the world, especially in the lives of his faithful people, through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. (*Psalms 103:19; 145:11-13; Isaiah 11:1-9; Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 1:9-14*)

180. **When you pray for God's kingdom to come, what are you asking?**

I pray that the whole creation may be renewed and restored under its rightful Lord, now in part and fully in the age to come. (*Psalms 72; Daniel 7:27; Mark 14:25; Romans 8:19-25; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 11:15-18; 21:5*)

181. **How does God's kingdom come?**

God's kingdom is announced to the people of Israel, arrives in Jesus Christ, and advances through the Church's mission. It will appear in its fullness once Christ returns in glory. (*Psalms 102:12-22; Daniel 2:31-45; Matthew 10:5-8; Mark 4:26-32; Acts 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28*)

182. **How do you live in God's kingdom?**

As a citizen of God's kingdom, I am called to live in obedience to God's Word and will, in loving witness and service to others, and in joyful hope of Christ's return. (*Psalms 15; Ezekiel 37:20-28; Mark 4:1-25; Romans 14:17; Philippians 3:17-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12*)

THE THIRD PETITION: "THY
WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

183. **What is the third petition?**

The third petition is "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
(*Matthew 6:10*)