

*Oakland Church of Christ  
Sermon Series*

*The Lord's Prayer - A  
Transformed Life Through  
Prayer*

*Our Father - Matthew 6:9*



# Pray Then Like This

- **Matthew 6:9** - Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name

# Do Not Heap up Empty Phrases

- **Matthew 6:7-8** - “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

# Our Father

- **Matthew 6:9** - “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

# Jesus and the Father – Close Relationship

- **John 5:18** - This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
- **John 5:20(a)** - For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.
- **John 10:30** - I and the Father are one.

➤ **LET US ALL STRIVE TO HAVE THE SAME CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER, JUST LIKE JESUS**

# Father – Son/Daughter Relationship

1. Reverence

2. Intimate/Closeness

3. Trust

# Reverence

- **Matthew 6:9(b)** - hallowed be your name

# Intimate/Closeness

- **Mark 14:36** - And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
- JESUS HAD A SPECIAL CLOSENESS WITH THE FATHER
- Jesus uses the term “Abba” which is translated to mean “Daddy”



# Follow the Example of Jesus

- **Mark 1:35** - And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
- **Luke 6:12** - In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.
- **Matthew 14:23** - And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray

➤ **If you want to be closer to the Father – GET CLOSER TO THE FATHER IN PRAYER – FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS**

# Trust

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

# Our Father – We Are Children of Adoption

- **Romans 8:15** - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
- **Galatians 4:6** - And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

# Our Father – We Are Children of Adoption

- **Ephesians 1:5** - He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will
- **John 1:12-13** - But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

# Benefits of Adoption

<b>Worldly Adoption</b>	<b>Heavenly Adoption</b>
Same Name – Still known by your sins	New Name – Child of God, Known by Your Faith
Sins – still accountable and punishable	Sins – Forgiven by the Father through the blood of Jesus
Inheritance – Worldly/Material – No benefit on the Day of Judgement	Inheritance – Everlasting Life, Name in the Book of Life

# Children of God – Heirs of God

- **Galatians 4:7** - So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
- **Romans 8:16-17** - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

# Transformed Prayer Life

- **Hebrews 8:1** - Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,
- **Hebrews 4:14-16** - Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# A Love Without End Amen

Last night I dreamed I died and stood outside those pearly gates  
When suddenly I realized there must be some mistake  
If they know half the things I've done, they'll never let me in  
And then somewhere from the other side, I heard these words again

And they said, "Let me tell you a secret about a father's love  
A secret that my daddy said was just between us"  
"You see, daddies don't just love their children every now and then  
It's a love without end, amen"  
It's a love without end, amen