

# ONE HOLY NAME

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The Lord's Prayer, Summer 2023: Matthew 6:9

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*This, then, is how you should pray:  
'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be you name . . . .'  
Matthew 6:1*

## The first petition

*"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven . . . .*

*"This, then is how you should pray:*

- " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.'*

Matthew 6

<sup>7</sup> *"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.*

Exodus 20

1. "May your name be kept holy" (Ryle's translation) is the first of three petitions that turn our eyes to the character and mission of God
2. God's name is the powerfully personal way in which he reveals his most important attributes to us
3. Jesus applies the "passive imperative" tense (see Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:18-21) which means that we are praying for God to do a work in our lives, that we would:  
  
Positively: that I would truly know God and direct my living to the honor of his name  
  
Negatively: that I would never misuse God's name
4. God's name is important enough to be the "Third Word" (and his glory the reason I am here!)

## Heidelberg Catechism, Part III: Gratitude

### Lord's Day 47

Q 122. What does the first petition mean?

A. "Hallowed be your name" means:

Help us to truly know you,<sup>1</sup> to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.<sup>2</sup>

And it means, help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Jer. 9:23-24](#); [31:33-34](#); [Matt. 16:17](#); [John 17:3](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Ex. 34:5-8](#); [Ps. 145](#); [Jer. 32:16-20](#); [Luke 1:46-55, 68-75](#); [Rom. 11:33-36](#) <sup>3</sup> [Ps. 115:1](#); [Matt. 5:16](#)

### Lord's Day 36

Q 99. What is the aim of the third commandment?

A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing,<sup>1</sup> perjury,<sup>2</sup> or unnecessary oaths,<sup>3</sup> nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.<sup>4</sup>

In summary, we should use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe,<sup>5</sup> so that we may properly confess God,<sup>6</sup> pray to God,<sup>7</sup> and glorify God in all our words and works.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Lev. 24:10-17](#) <sup>2</sup> [Lev. 19:12](#) <sup>3</sup> [Matt. 5:37](#); [James 5:12](#) <sup>4</sup> [Lev. 5:1](#); [Prov. 29:24](#) <sup>5</sup> [Ps. 99:1-5](#); [Jer. 4:2](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Matt. 10:32-33](#); [Rom. 10:9-10](#) <sup>7</sup> [Ps. 50:14-15](#); [1 Tim. 2:8](#) <sup>8</sup> [Col. 3:17](#)

### Q & A 100

Q 100. Is blasphemy of God's name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent and forbid it?

A. Yes, indeed.<sup>1</sup> No sin is greater or provokes God's wrath more than blaspheming his name. That is why God commanded it to be punished with death.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Lev. 5:1](#) <sup>2</sup> [Lev. 24:10-17](#)

### A short history of the Name

<sup>25</sup> Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." <sup>26</sup> Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

*At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.*

Genesis 4 (see also Genesis 12:1-8)

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Exodus 3

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Exodus 20

<sup>4</sup> So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

<sup>8</sup> Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. <sup>9</sup> “O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes,” he said, “then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you. <sup>11</sup> Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>12</sup> Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. <sup>13</sup> Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. <sup>14</sup> Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Exodus 34

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 8

<sup>13</sup> “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7

<sup>27</sup> *See, the Name of the LORD comes from afar,  
with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke;  
his lips are full of wrath,  
and his tongue is a consuming fire.*

Isaiah 30

*“Build up, build up, prepare the road!  
Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”*  
<sup>15</sup> *For this is what the high and lofty One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:  
“I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

Isaiah 57

<sup>27</sup> *“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!”*

*Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.*

<sup>30</sup> *Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.*

John 12

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*

Revelation 22

## Being holy because our Father's name is holy

The second sentence is *a petition respecting God's name*--"May your name be kept holy." By the "name" of God we mean all those attributes under which He is revealed to us--His power, wisdom, holiness, justice, mercy, and truth. By asking that they may be "holy," we mean that they may be made known and glorified. The glory of God is the first thing that God's children should desire. It is the object of one of our Lord's own prayers--"Father, glorify your name." ([John 12:28](#).) It is the purpose for which the world was created. It is the end for which the saints are called and converted. It is the chief thing we should seek, that "in all things God may be glorified." ([1 Peter 4:11](#).)

J. C. Ryle

### 1. Set apart Christ

*<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect . . . .*

1 Peter 3

### 2. Holy name leads to holy people

*<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.*

*<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

John 17

### 3. W

*<sup>20</sup> On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. <sup>21</sup> Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.*

Zechariah 14

## Resources for further study

The poster for Matthew does a good job of showing the 5 Parts of the gospel, reflecting a “new Torah”, can be found at <https://bibleproject.com/downloads/posters/>

Here are some of our growing number of prayer resources:

Lora Copely’s “Extraordinary Prayer” article at <https://www.abideproject.org/articles/extraordinary-prayer>

Becket Cook’s story of his mother’s prayer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFWl9eWkmWg>

Larry Stockstill has a good summary of the pattern of the Lord’s Prayer at <https://larrystockstill.com/blog/prayer-template>

Keller has a good listen at <https://gospelinlife.com/downloads/the-upside-down-kingdom-5106/> or the .pdf version at <https://www.scribd.com/document/258555474/Upside-Down-Kingdom-Tim-Keller>

Keller also has an 8-part series on the Lord’s Prayer on .mp3 at <https://www.monergism.com/lords-prayer-8-part-mp3-sermon-series>

Sinclair Ferguson’s sermon on this text at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne2B6v6rzQc>  
[Monergism.com](https://www.monergism.com) has many resources on the Sermon on the Mount at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/matthew/sermon-mount-ch-5-7>

Ryle has a commentary of Matthew 6 at <https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/m06.htm>

The CRCNA has lots to offer, see [https://www.crcna.org/files/the\\_lords\\_prayer](https://www.crcna.org/files/the_lords_prayer)

I learned a lot from Piper’s sermon on the God’s Name at <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/hallowed-be-thy-name-in-all-the-earth>

Piper also has a good sermon at <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/our-deepest-prayer-hallowed-be-your-name>

Bob Deffinbaugh has a sermon on this passage at <https://bible.org/seriespage/fatal-failures-religion-3-externalism-matthew-61-18>

Spurgeon has an interesting prayer take is at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-secret-of-power-in-prayer/#flipbook/>

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30-40 YEARS OF ORAL TRADITION

EARLIEST TRADITION Matthew (see 9:18, 10:3)

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Things to look for

#1 ? LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS (THERE ARE A LOT)

#2 LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT JESUS  
**IRRELEVANT** + **FAITH** = **TRANSFORMATION**

1. MESSIAH FROM THE LINE OF DAVID

2. NEW MOSES

3. GOD WITH US



**MOSES | JESUS**  
- OUT OF EGYPT  
- CROSS THE RED SEA  
- WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS  
- RECEIVES LAW FROM MOUNTAIN  
- DELIVER FROM SLAVERY  
- GIVE NEW DIVINE TEACHING  
- SAVE FROM SIN  
- INITIATE A NEW COVENANT

1-3 ABRAHAM DAVID JESUS  
**CONNECT JESUS TO OLD TESTAMENT**

FULFILL OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES

Immanuel = GOD WITH US

4-7 ANNOUNCE GOD'S KINGDOM  
SERMON IN THE MOUNT (10:5-7)  
- RESTORE GOD'S REIGN  
- CREATE A NEW FAMILY  
- FULFILL THE TORAH  
- TRANSFORM  
- REVEALS THE STORY OF...  
- RESCUE FROM...  
- EVIL & SIN  
- DEATH OF JESUS

8-10 JESUS BRINGS KINGDOM INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES  
SENDING THE 12 (10:1-3)  
- EFFECT: ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

11-13 RESPONSES TO JESUS  
PARABLES ABOUT THE KINGDOM (13:1-23)  
- POSITIVE: "JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!"  
- NEUTRAL: "IS HE THE MESSIAH?"  
- NEGATIVE: "HE IS NOT THE MESSIAH!"

14-20 DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE MESSIAH  
THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM (10:10 & 17:20)  
- THINK OF SERVING  
- REIGN IN PRISON  
- CAN THE SERVANT BY LIVING IT OUT?  
- SUPPLEMENTING SERVANT (10:23)  
- VICTORIOUS! DEFEATS PAGANS!

21-25 CLASH OF KINGDOMS  
CRITIQUE OF "YOU THINKERS" HYPOCRITES! (23:23)  
- BELIEVING AUTHORITY  
- SAY THINGS AS COMPROMISED RESULTS OF HYPOCRISY  
- OFFENDED - DECIDE TO KILL JESUS

26-28 PASSOVER MEAL  
RECALLS THE STORY OF...  
- RESCUE FROM SLAVERY  
- SERVE OF PRESERVE LIFE

THEY NOT THE MESSIAH!  
SANHEDRIN (JEWISH LEADERS)  
PILATE  
LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!

HE'S INNOCENT OUT!  
INSTEAD OF JUDGING THEM HE IS JUDGED ON THEIR BEHALF

OUTSIDE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES  
GREAT COMMISSION  
JESUS IS KING OF THE WORLD  
TELL ALL NATIONS THE GOOD NEWS  
ALL PEOPLE CAN JOIN THE KINGDOM  
- BAPTIZED  
- YEASERWORK  
- LIVE LIKE THE Immanuel!

THEY NOT THE MESSIAH!

GREAT COMMISSION

ALL PEOPLE CAN JOIN THE KINGDOM

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- BOOKS OF MOSES (TORAH)

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