

## Our Father

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:9-13

**Series:** Praying with Jesus

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

In the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ are always filled with \_\_\_\_\_.

God's name was considered so \_\_\_\_\_ and holy, that the Israelites were commanded not to \_\_\_\_\_ God's holy name in \_\_\_\_\_.

God should be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in every aspect of our lives.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an act of the human heart. It's the very same word in Greek for \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is instructing us to pray that our \_\_\_\_\_ will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God's holy name.

- Ezekiel 36:16-38
- Romans 2:17-29

As Christians, we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the One who has truly, fully, and faithfully hallowed the name of God.

This prayer is a deep and burning \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Start talking.**

- What is our church known for in our community?

**Start thinking.**

- How are Christians seen in the world? What picture of God is the church currently presenting to the world?
- What led you to be part of this particular local church? How can we continue to reflect those ideals and values to others in our community?
- What are ways that our local church or small group can engage in new ways of loving our neighborhood?

**Start sharing.**

- Define the term “holy” in your own words. How did this section of the prayer change your thoughts on holiness?
- What questions do you have about holiness and how the people of God might live holy lives in the world?
- What is your response when you hear Jesus say in Matthew 5:48, “*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect*”?
- How can we possibly achieve perfection like our heavenly Father?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, may I always be mindful that I'm a bearer of your name as I go about my day, whether alone or with others. May I represent you well. In David's words I pray, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." I worship you today, and give you my life and devotion.*

**Start Doing:**

Find a volunteer opportunity in your community that you (and possibly your group) can participate in. This can be a meaningful way for you to make God's name holy in your corner of the world! Consider partnering with an organization our church is already connected to, or seek out a new organization that could become a potential future partner with your whole church.