

I M M E R S E

The **Bible** Reading Experience™

OUR FATHER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven,
your name be honored as holy.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Video 2: Fathers

God as Our Father

Addressing God as Father when we pray recognizes two things:

- 1) Who *God* is
- 2) Who *we* are

God Our Father

Jesus wants us to know what kind of Father God is.

He's the kind of father who is looking for you even when you are far off. He's the kind of father who runs toward you and just about knocks you over with his outrageous love and acceptance.







God Our Father

**He wants us to ask
boldly, specifically, regularly.**

He also asks us to do things.

The things God asks you to do are not for His benefit. You're not helping Him out. Everything He asks you to do is for your benefit.

Pronouns

Ours, Us, We

The first word of this prayer not only speaks to our close relationship to God, but also our connection to our spiritual family.

- Do you have Christian friends that you trust?
- Do you have people that you can trust with the things you need to pray for?
- Are you interceding with others for others?
- Are you praying for our church?

Holy is His Name

Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.

Exodus 20:7

Do not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God; I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:12

Holy is His Name

Ways to honor God's name:

- Saying good things about him when we use his name. **(Praise)**
- Addressing his name in relationship and with respect. **(Honor)**
- Reserving the use of his name for these purposes and not for casual, automatic, verbal responses to circumstances. **(Holy)**

On Earth As It Is In Heaven

As people of God, we are not to conform to the ways of the world or be satisfied with the degradation of the culture. No, we are called to pray for God's culture, God's kingdom ways, God's will to be manifested here in our midst.

God wants us to pray and ask him to set things right.

On Earth As It Is In Heaven

We have an invitation to be a part of God's kingdom work.

- What are the things in your world that don't match up with God's will?
- Are you ready to ask God to change things?
- Are you ready for his will to be done?

Praying “your will be done,” requires giving up control.

Surrendering control builds our faith and trust in God as our Father.

Give Us Our Daily Bread

Praying for the ordinary things as a daily rhythm.

Ask specifically, boldly, and regularly.

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