

Our Father

The Lord's Prayer begins with the line, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." For many this prayer is simply referred to as "Our Father." We are using this prayer that Jesus taught us as a prayer to recite with full meaning and purpose in doing so. We can also use this prayer as an outline for prayer. We find six distinct demarcations in this prayer. We begin our time of prayer with praise and worship of our heavenly Father. Followed by prayers of dedication and consecration, supplication, confession, direction and protection, and closing in worship.

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Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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- "Our Father" expresses special relationship status.
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 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father**." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him], that we may also be glorified together. - Romans 8:14-17
 - And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "**Abba, Father!**" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. - Galatians 4:6-7
 - "Abba" emphasizes the most intimate way of relating to God.
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Hallowed be your name

- Hallowed: Give honor as holy
 - In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His [robe] filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy [is] the LORD of hosts; The whole earth [is] full of His glory!" - Isaiah 6:1-3
 - [The] four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" - Revelation 4:8
- Names of God
 - El Shaddai—God Almighty

- El Elyon—God Most High
- I Am Who I Am—God was, is, and always will be
- Yahweh (Jehovah): Self-Existent One
- Compound names of God
 - When Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac, God provided a ram for the offering just before Abraham slayed his son. Abraham declared God to be **Yahweh Yireh**: The **Lord Who Provides** (sees before)—**Genesis 22:14**
 - After the children of Israel were delivered from slavery in Egypt, God made this statement, **Yahweh Rapha**: I am The **Lord Who Heals** you—**Exodus 15:26**
 - God empowered Israel's army to defeat the Amalekites. After Moses built an altar and named it **Yahweh Nissi**: The **Lord is my Banner** (Victory)—**Exodus 17:15**
 - When God called Gideon to deliver Israel, he built an altar in that place and named it **Yahweh Shalom**: The **Lord is my Peace**—**Judges 6:24**
 - Reflecting upon God's faithfulness, David wrote **Psalms 23**, **Yahweh Rohi**: The **Lord is my Shepherd**
 - Ezekiel gave a detailed description of the New Jerusalem and prophesied that the place will be called **Yahweh Shammah**: The **Lord is There**—**Ezekiel 48:35**

For He (God) Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD [is] my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" - Hebrews 13:5-6
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Holy Communion

Lord Holy Spirit, you are the giver of life in whom we live and move and have our being; consecrate this bread and wine to be, for us, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and consecrate us, O Lord, to partake of this holy meal. (Additional wording can go here.) All this we ask, Lord Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the glory of His Father, Amen. Therefore we pray the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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As Paul said to the Corinthians, I say to you: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast!

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you unto eternal life.

The Distribution

"The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

Prayer

We thank you, Lord God, that you have fed us with these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. By eating His Body, we become members of His Body, and thus His agents in this world. Help us to be the distributors of your blessings, the agents of your providence, the instruments of your grace, and the ambassadors of your love to all the people we meet in our everyday lives. By drinking His Blood, we have taken on His life, which was not finally pierced by the cross nor smothered in the tomb, but lasts for evermore. We thank you for this, the medicine of immortality; the antidote to death. All this we pray in the most holy and precious name of Jesus Christ, because He is alive, and He reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. You are one God, now and forever, Amen.

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