



Introduction

-  Have you kept a planned event secret from your child in order to avoid the many questions and petitions that it would produce? What was it? What happened?
-  What is something you long for or anticipate?

1. His Nearness (Matt. 6:9a,11)

-  How do the first few words of this prayer describe God? How might these verses show God both as exalted and near to His people?

-  Application: What has shaped your ability to look to God as your Father? How might you grow in a desire to see God as a perfect Father?

2. His Holiness (Matt. 6:9b,12)

-  What does it mean to be “honored as holy”? What exactly are we praying for in this regard?

-  Application: How do your prayers and daily life give evidence of shows fear and reverence of God? How is God’s name honored as holy in your life?

3. His Authority (Matt. 6:10,13)

-  What is the means by which God brings about His kingdom in the world? What is our part in this?



Application: Do you live your life under the authority of God or do you make decisions based on your own desires and feelings? What needs to change for you to live as one under God's authority?

Conclusion



Are your times of prayer more often about you and what you want or about God and His glory? How are you challenged by today's study in this regard?



How do you allow the promises of God found in Scripture to excite your prayers and petitions? How much desire do you have for the coming of God's kingdom? How might we stir one another up in this desire?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Matthew 6:9-13
- Tuesday - Proverbs 3:9
- Wednesday - Psalm 9:10
- Thursday - Jeremiah 29:11
- Friday - Psalm 112:7
- Saturday - Hebrews 13:8

Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18

You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: *Repent* - Luke 13:3, *Confess* - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9, *Believe* - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).