

## Sermon – The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:5-13

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

This we will deal with Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer

What is the introduction to the Lord’s Prayer? **“Our Father Who art in heaven.”**

What does this mean? **“With these words God tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we can ask Him as Dear children ask their dear Father.”**

- I. An Experience of Going through the Motions

Has this happened to you?

II. Three times Jesus says, When you pray or praying

Don't be hypocrites – our prayers are not for show.

Go to your room and shut the door – Personal relationship

Do not heap up empty phrases – Flowery words are not needed.

Jesus gives us the words of the Lord's Prayer – each has deep meaning.

III. Jesus teaches us to Approach God as "Our father."

Better than praying to some "higher power" somewhere out there or up there.

Points to the relationship conferred on us in Baptism.

The gift of praying to the creator.

The gift of the Father's love shown in Jesus His Son.

We can Jesus's father our Father as well.

IV. We pray with all the saints who called God "Father"

V. We Can Acknowledge God our Father and be honest with Him in Prayer.

VI. Back to the relationship...And we are not bringing anything new...Then Why Pray?

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