

To Whom We Pray Matthew 6:9 January 17, 2021

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I. The Pattern

What was the purpose of Jesus giving this prayer in Matthew 6:9?

What are some of the reasons people pray to God?

How do you define prayer?

What would you say are the signs of prayer being important to someone?

II. Our Father

What would starting prayer with "Our Father" communicate about us and God?

Why do people have a distant relationship to God?

Why does Jesus tell the disciples to say "Our Father" rather than "My Father"?

If God is all knowing and all loving, why do we even need to pray?

III. In Heaven

What does "in heaven" emphasize about our relationship to God?

Read Jeremiah 10:6, Psalm 96:4 and Isaiah 55:8-9. What do these verses tell us about God? Why does this view of God make people uncomfortable?

Why is it important to have an all powerful God when we come to God in prayer?

IV. Hallowed Be Your Name

What does the word "hallowed" mean? How is that viewed negatively today?

Why is it a very positive thing that God is holy as it relates to our praying to God?

How do we develop a name for ourselves? Why does hallowed describe God?

Consider God as "Our Father", "In Heaven", "Hallowed be your Name" - How do all three of these impact each other and impact our praying?