

b. This leads to Child-like Awe and Trust.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
Luke 11:11-13

2. “In Heaven”

a. Don’t be Casual with GOD or Take Him Lightly.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? ³ Brace your self like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.”

Job 38:1-3

b. Trust Him for Everything You Need.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”
Matthew :25-27

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 120. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

Answer: At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer—the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Question 121. Why the words "in heaven"?

Answer: These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from his almighty power.

Jesus lived a life

Guided and Empowered by Prayer.
You Can Too!

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Our Father

Luke 11:1-4, 11-13

A. Consider The Disciples’ Request.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1

1. They had seen Jesus’ Example.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him.

Mark 1:35-36

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Mark 6:45-46

2. Do you long for that - a deeper Experience/Communion with GOD?

You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:4,8

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Question 116: Why do Christians need to pray?

Answer: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them

B. See How Revolutionary This Is!

He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.’”

Luke 11:2

1. “Our Father”

a. Through Christ, GOD has Become Our Father!

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

I John 1:3:1

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Romans 8:15-16

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. John 1:12-13

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Mark 1:35-37 and Luke 6:12-13

1. Why do you think prayer was so important in the life of Jesus?
2. What can we learn from His example?
3. Do you desire a deeper experience/communion with GOD? Really? What are you willing to do to get it? (See James 4:4-8)

Day Two

Read Hebrews 5:7-10

1. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?
2. What is GOD saying to you through this passage?
3. Ask Him to teach you to pray.

Day Three

Read Luke 11:2 and Romans 8:12-17

1. Jesus told us to pray “Our Father.” Can you imagine how revolutionary this must have sounded to the Jewish people of His day - to call GOD, “Dad”? How does it sound to you?
2. What does it mean to you that we have “received the Spirit of sonship”? (verse 15)
3. What is God saying to you through this passage today?

Day Four

Read John 1:10-13

1. How do we become children of GOD, those who call GOD, “Dad”?
2. What does that mean? Have you done that?
3. Take some time to meditate on the fact that through Jesus Christ you have become a child of GOD! Do your prayers reflect that staggering reality?

Day Five

Read Psalm 36

1. What does it mean that there is no “fear of GOD” before the eyes of the wicked? What does that lead to?
2. In contrast to the emptiness of the wicked, put in your own words, what GOD means to those who are His (verse 5-9).
3. What stands out as an important message to you from this Psalm?
4. Pray for our Sunday worship gathering.