



The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 11 Give us today our daily bread.
 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

1. God the Father says call me Dad

Rom 8:[15] 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. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

2. God the Father wants to know our Identity

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children (sons) of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

2 Corinthians 6:18: And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Gal 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

3. God the Father wants relationship with you

1 John 4:14 And We have seen and testified that the Father sent His Son to be the savior of the World

John 3:16 God so loved the World that He gave is only begotten son so that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God.

God's plan & purpose for us

Life

John 10: [9] I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Joy

John 15: [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Peace

JN 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Fulfillment

PS 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Prosper

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..

4. God the Father accepts you just as you are

LK 15:11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. [12] The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

LK 15:22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick!

- Bring the best robe and put it on him.
- Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23]
- Bring the fattened calf and kill it.
- Let's have a feast and celebrate. [24]

For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



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12 Characteristics of our Heavenly Father

Characteristics of the Father

1. He cares for you and plans to bless you and prosper you
2. He loves you unconditionally
3. He has no favourites
4. He gives good gifts
5. He gives you your hearts desires
6. He gives life and joy
7. He has not religious, he is your Dad

Lies about the Father

1. He has plans to hurt you or destroy you
2. You have to earn His love
3. Some people are special to God and some are not.
4. He gives sickness, failure, trial
5. He withholds what you really wants, takes away what you love
6. He gives death and misery
7. He loves religion and requires pomp and title and position

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Characteristics of the Father

8. He doesn't change,
9. He loves mercy
10. He protects us and we can trust him
11. He is the Father of promise & provision
12. He will never leave you alone

Lies about the Father

8. You can never be sure what He wants. He changes His expectations
9. He loves punishment
10. He leaves us defenseless
11. He wants us to never have enough, to keep us humble,
12. He will leave us alone so we can grow strong

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Attributes of our Heavenly Father

1. God the Father is Love.

- God is Love. Whoever lives in Love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

2. God the Father has a servant's heart

- John 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

3. God the Father is Faithful

- if we are faithless. He remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. Second Timothy 2:13

Attributes of our Heavenly Father

4. God the Father is our Provider

- Jesus tells us if we, being evil, know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more will our heavenly Father give good gifts to us in Matthew 7:11?

5. God the Father wants to mentor you

- James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

6. God the Father is consistent

- Mal 3:6: "I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

Attributes of our Heavenly Father



7. God the Father is our Role model

- Matthew 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14““You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

• 8. God the Father wants to heal our wounded hearts

- John 14:18 I will not leave you as Orphans, I will come to you.
- Ps 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Journal Application: Exercise



Father, I declare I am a son (or daughter) of God.

Father, what would you say to me about being a child of God?

Father, what would you say to me about my false beliefs?