

Pray


MATT.
6:9-15

**Recap from
previous week:**

Secrecy & Rewards
Matthew 6:1-8 & 16-18

- Righteous acts should be done in secrecy, for an audience of one...God.
- Rewards should be expected from God, not man.

OUR FATHER

THE SOVEREIGN AND GENEROUS KING

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.'

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.



LET'S EXPLORE MATTHEW 6:9-15

Observe:

- Verse 9: How does Jesus refer to God?
 - "Our Father" implies generosity and not exclusive possession as a son. It also implies relationship.
 - Father is position, "Hallowed" is His nature. What does *Hallowed* mean?
- Verse 10: Jesus says, "Your kingdom come".
 - Is it an earthly kingdom, government, or set of legislation?
 - Where is this kingdom coming from?
- Verse 11: "Daily"
 - What does that tell you about His supply?
 - What does the petition tell you about the nature of God, to even request such a thing from Him?
 - Look up "Daily" in the concordance (Strong's Greek 1967 ἐπιούσιος - epiousios - page 98)
- Verse 12: Two transactions are listed. A payment we owe to God, and a payment others owe to us.
 - What does this mean? Is Jesus talking about finances?
- Verse 13: For accurate definition / context, look up "Temptation" in the concordance (Strong's Greek 3986 πειρασμός - peirasmos - page 196)

Interpret:

- What do you believe this passage means?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Compare your interpretation with a trusted commentary.

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NOW, LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

In Matthew 6:9-15, Jesus teaches us how to approach God in prayer by focusing on both our relationship with Him and His holy and generous nature. The passage begins with reverence, acknowledging God as our Father, emphasizing a personal and intimate relationship where we can come to Him not as a distant God but as a loving parent who cares for us deeply. Jesus highlights the importance of praising God's holiness and recognizing His sovereignty, calling for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. This reminds us that our lives are aligned with a higher purpose and that God's plans are good, even when we don't fully understand them.

The priorities in this passage are clear—Jesus emphasizes our need for God's provision, forgiveness, and guidance. When we ask for daily bread, it's a reminder that God generously provides for all of our needs, and we are dependent on Him in every area of life. This passage also teaches us the importance of forgiveness, both receiving it from God and extending it to others. God's grace is abundant, and He calls us to mirror that same generosity in our relationships. It's a humbling reminder that as we seek His mercy, we are called to live mercifully toward others.

Lastly, Jesus directs us to pray for protection against temptation and trials that could lead us away from God's purpose. He knows the struggles we face and invites us to ask for His strength to resist temptations that can lead to unfruitful, harmful experiences. By asking for deliverance from evil, we recognize our human weakness and trust in God's power to lead us through challenges with wisdom. This part of the prayer speaks to God's desire not only to provide for us but to guard us from situations that would harm our growth and relationship with Him, reminding us of His constant care and protection.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- How does viewing God as a loving Father change the way you approach Him in prayer and in your everyday life?
- In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to trust God's provision, and how can you lean more into His generosity?
- Is there someone in your life you need to forgive as a reflection of God's forgiveness toward you? How can you take steps to extend that grace this week?
- What temptations or challenges are you currently facing that you need to ask God for strength to resist? How can you rely on His guidance and protection in these situations?

Closing Prayer...

Heavenly Father, we come to you thankful for your love and generosity. We're grateful that you are a loving Father who cares for us and provides for our every need. Help us to trust in your perfect will, knowing that your plans are good, even when we cannot see the full picture. Give us the strength to surrender our desires to align with your purpose, trusting that your ways are higher than ours, and your provision is enough for each day.

Lord, we ask for your forgiveness where we have fallen short and pray for the grace to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Protect us from temptations that would lead us away from you, and guide us through the trials we face with wisdom and strength. We trust in your care and protection over our lives and ask for your help to walk in faith, reflecting your love and mercy in all we do. In Jesus name, amen.

