

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

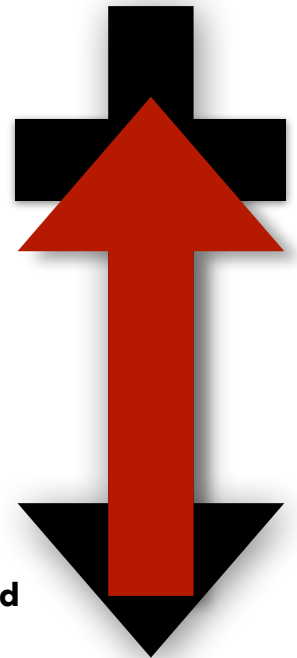


Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Our Father in heaven. What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to Him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.



284 How does Jesus teach you to address God in the Lord's Prayer?

He teaches me to speak to God as my heavenly Father.

285 What does this mean to you?

To have God as my heavenly Father means that I am His child and therefore can confidently come to Him in prayer.

Psalm 68:5-6a "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home;"

286 Who can call God their Father?

Those who believe in Jesus as Savior can call God their Father.

Galatians 4:6 "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

287 Why does Jesus teach you to pray, Our Father?

I am to pray *Our* Father, because I am to pray with and for others and because it reminds me that I belong to a family of believers who together confess God as Father.

Ephesians 6:18 "...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"

288 Why does Jesus teach you to pray "Our Father in heaven"?

These words are to remind me that my heavenly Father is exalted in love and power above all earthly fathers.

Matthew 7:11 "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Ephesians 3:14-15 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,"

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

