

I. Father

- A. This is how Jesus addresses God: he directly calls him "Father"
- B. Jesus tells his followers to address God in the same way! (Romans 8:15; Ephesians 3:14)

II. Hallowed be your name

- A. "Hollow"? - Hallow: set something apart as holy
- B. We pray that *God* will make his name holy!
- C. How will God "holyify" his name? Ezekiel 36:22-38
- D. So when we pray "hallowed by your name" we're praying ...

III. Your kingdom come

- A. An ordinary pilgrim's prayer might be that we would *come to* our destination, but God's kingdom must come to us. (Matthew 6:33)
- B. The "kingdom come" means the end.
- C. Paul said it, and John said it, and we say it: *Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!* (1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20)

IV. Give us each day our daily bread

- A. This is a pilgrim's prayer.
- B. Give us each day our bread for the next day.
- C. Give us what we need, no more, no less. (Proverbs 30:7-9, words of King Agur)
- D. A pilgrim who makes himself at home somewhere along the way has failed to do what he set out to do.

V. Forgive our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us

- A. We like forgiveness!
- B. We aren't so keen on forgiving!
- C. The first part is an appeal to grace. Is the second a departure from grace?
- D. How will this work? If I pray this, will a lightning bolt strike me?
- E. Learn from Lehman Brothers.
- F. We ask you to forgive us – and in so asking, we renew our commitment to be gracious as you are gracious!

VI. And lead us not into temptation

- A. This is the closest thing to timid in a very bold prayer.
- B. In order to go through testing, we're going to need the perspective we'll look at next week.