

The Sermon on the Mount
43 – Prayer to the Father
Matthew 6:9

I. The Purpose of the Lord's Prayer

II. The Structure of the Lord's Prayer

III. The Prefix of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in Heaven")

A. He is a Father

1. What "Father" teaches us concerning who we pray to:

- a. God has deep and abiding affection for us.
- b. God has sympathy, pity, and kindness for us and concern for our troubles and afflictions.
- c. God will delight in anything of good that he sees in us, and will be measured in his correction of what is evil.
- d. God is committed to our protection and deliverance from all that would threaten or harm us.
- e. God is committed to providing for our good in abundance.
- f. God is wise in all of His dealings with us.

2. What "Father" teaches us concerning how we are to pray:

- a. We must pray with honor for Him and submission to Him.
- b. We must pray with a desire that all that we ask of Him be in accord with what He has revealed to us in the Scripture of His heart, His character, His will and His ways.
- c. We must pray with confession of sin and request for pardon.
- d. We must pray with freedom and boldness.
- e. We must pray with contentment and peace.
- f. We must pray with confidence and expectancy.

B. He is Our Father

C. He is in Heaven