

TEACH US TO

PRAY

A black silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, positioned in front of the large word 'PRAY'. The person is facing left, with their hands clasped in front of their chest. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface.



Lord Teach Us

This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13

to Pray



Lord Teach Us

**Know the Power
Behind the Prayer
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name"**



to Pray



Lord Teach Us

The Relationship --- Our Father

**Jesus begins this prayer with identifying
God as our father**

This is a family relationship

But in that God is the authority

He is not obligated to give just because you ask

**God is not trying to raise
a bunch of entitled spoil brats**

to Pray



Lord Teach Us

The Relationship --- Our Father

We have Bad Father Images

Not a tyrant

Not the boogie man

Not somebody interested in seeing you fail

**Not somebody that is waiting for
the moment to say I told you so.**

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

A Loving Father

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:11-13

to Pray





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A Loving Father

A father that listens to our requests

But at the same time knows what we need

A father that has our best interests at heart

And is interested in providing good gifts for us

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

The Location --- In Heaven

**We will see the phrase "Father in Heaven"
a lot in this series**

We are not praying to an earthly power

**We are praying to a being that is
well beyond our understanding**

**This gets complicated for us because we
are such physical beings**

to Pray





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**Jesus wants us
to know that while
we may not physically
see him, he is present
and listening**

to Pray



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The Approach --- Hallowed Be Your Name



Hallowed: greatly revered or respected

to Pray



Lord Teach Us

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:5-8

to Pray



Lord Teach Us

Don't Try to Impress Mankind

They pray to be seen

Jesus called them hypocrites because they are not sincere in their approach

The lesson is not that we should not pray in public

Public prayer is an extension of private prayer

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

**Do try to impress God
God is not impressed with
long prayers and big words**

He called it babbling

**He also called people praying in
that fashion pagans (Godless)**

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

God as Father

Father, who is unseen

**Father, who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you**

Father knows what you need before you ask him

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

**When we approach
God in prayer we need to
approach him as a child would
approach a loving Father**

to Pray





Lord Teach Us

**We took the job,
I guess we should get busy**



to Pray

Prayer Challenge

Prayer Card

