

Prayer

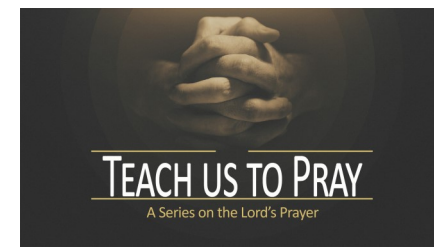
Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- *Fallfest is coming. Pray for help, and for people to come.*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Youth and College Ministries*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



Hallowed Be Your Name
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Getting Started

Have you ever had a nickname? What was it? Did it describe you in some way?

Read Matthew 6:9

The first petition that Jesus teaches us to pray is “hallowed be your name.” Hallowed is not a noun, so Jesus is not saying that “hallowed” is God’s literal name. Hallowed is not an adjective, so Jesus is not telling us to ascribe praise to God as holy. Hallowed is a verb. Who is the one who is doing the action of the verb? Who is hallowing? Why is that important?

Hallowed is a verb which means “to make holy.” But isn’t God’s name already holy? How can we be asking him to hallow his own name? How does adding the connected phrase “on earth as it is in heaven” help with this?

To put it all together, Jesus is teaching us to pray, “our Father in heaven, make your name holy on earth like it is in heaven.” What’s going on in heaven? **Read Isaiah 6:1-3, and Revelation 4**

A name in ancient times was something that revealed who a person really was. The name of God is not just a label, but His name is a way to know the reality behind the label. In the gospel of John, we get a special glimpse into one of Jesus’ prayers. And in this prayer, we hear Jesus say that he made God’s name known to the disciples and those who would come to believe later. (Your version might not have “your name” but it is in their in Greek) **Read John 17:6, 26. What is the purpose of Jesus making God’s name known to them?**

How does this help us better understand “Hallowed be your name on earth as it is in heaven?”

Some practical ideas for this week:

Spend some time this week praying “Hallowed be your name, on earth as it is in heaven.”
Look up some of God’s other names and pray those back to God.