

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

A Holy Hunger is Fed by Prayer

Matthew 6:5-18

"When you give..." (Matthew 6:2 & 3)

"When you pray..." (Matthew 6:5, 6 & 7)

"When you fast" (Matthew 6:16 & 17)

The Lord's Prayer

1. Our Father who art in heaven.....

*"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he **adopted** you as his own children.*

Now we call him, 'Abba Father.'"

Romans 8:15

*"God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could **adopt** us as his very own children. And because we are his own children, God has sent the Spirit of his son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba Father.'"*

Galatians 4:5-6

2. Hallowed be thy name.....

"God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."

Exodus 3:14 NLT

3. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"'Abba, Father,' he cried out, 'everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me.

Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.'"

Mark 14:36 NLT

4. Give us this day our daily bread.

5. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

6. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

7. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

Romans 16:20 NLT

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Questions from Sermon on May 17, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. When you were a child, who did you talk to most easily? What made that relationship feel safe enough for you to open up?
2. How would you describe your prayer life right now in one word?

Digging Deeper

3. What stood out to you most from Sunday's sermon? What question rose up for you or point most deeply impacted you?
4. Read Matthew 6:5-8. What are the key differences between the two ways of praying in this passage? How does Matthew 6:1 lay the groundwork for Jesus' point here?
5. How does our adoption, according to Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:5-6, influence the way we pray?
6. Jesus puts "Our Father" and "hallowed be your name" side by side. How do intimacy and reverence shape each other? In your relationship with God, can you have one without the other?
7. In the garden, shortly before ascending the cross, Jesus modeled his submission to the Father's will ("not my will but yours be done"). What makes surrender to God's will difficult, even when you trust he is good?

8. Why do you think Jesus links *receiving* and *extending* forgiveness in v. 12, and what is challenging to you about that?
9. What assurance does Romans 16:20 give us as we pray for deliverance from evil?
10. In v. 16-17, Jesus says, "when you fast" (in line with "when you pray," "when you give" previously). What does that assumption tell us about how seriously we should take fasting (and prayer... and giving)?

Making it Personal

11. What does this movement of Jesus' prayer – praise, submission, need, forgiveness, and protection – reveal about healthy prayer?
12. Of the three practices Jesus assumes his followers do – giving, prayer, and fasting – which one do you most need to elevate and activate in your life?

Prayer

Before closing, take a moment to bring to God anything that keeps you from seeing him as approachable. Then close with the Lord's prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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.

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