

THE JESUS PRAYER
What Comes First? Matthew 6:5-9
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This is a model prayer teaching us to begin with a focus on God, then ask for needs, and conclude with a reminder that God will answer according to His plan and purpose.

The power is in God, not our eloquence or repetition (5-8).

vs. 9 *He is our Father, not just my Father.

The Father of those who believe in Jesus. (John 1:12; Romans 6:23)

*Our Father by creation (Acts 17:29)

by spiritual birth (Ephesians. 2:4-5; 1 Peter 1:3)

by adoption (Romans 8:15-16)

*in heaven - God is transcendent, existing apart from and not subject to the limitations of the physical universe.

- God is also immanent in that He is present within the universe as its sustaining cause, yet distinct from it. (Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24, 25, 28)

*He is holy - hallowed, revered, exalted, glorified, unique

The 3rd Commandment - Exodus 20:7

God's name represents His person so to honor His name is to honor God.

Prayer begins by remembering to whom you are speaking.

"Before I bring my need I will bring my heart." Lauren Daigle