

Pray like Jesus: God is Personal

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Matt 6:9-13

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

1. GOD IS INTIMATE, ACCESSIBLE & PERSONAL "Our Father"

John 20:17

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but I chose you"

2. GOD IS OMNIPOTENT & OMNIPRESENT 'Our Father in heaven'

- Omnipotent (all powerful)

- Omnipresent (ever present)

Jer 32:17

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.

Nothing is too hard for you.

3. GOD IS GOD ALL BY HIMSELF

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name"

Hallowed: Most Holy, Sacred, Pure, Blameless, Set Apart

OT Hebrew YHWY (The Lord)

Ex 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Deut 5:7, 8, 11

⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁸ "You shall not make for yourself an idol

¹¹ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Phil 2:9

"His name is above every name."

Psalms 8:1

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Isaiah 6:3

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Revelation 4:8

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."