

**Welcome to the
Common Ground Café!**



Sunday, April 28, 2019

**Three Requests for God's Glory
A Study of Matthew 6:9-13**



As a child, did you have a standard prayer your family used at dinnertime or bedtime? If so, what was it?

On Easter Sunday, we began a three-week study through the Lord's Prayer. Last Sunday we looked at the address: "Our Father, which art in heaven." Review what we learned last week about the God we pray to:

- ❖ What character qualities does addressing God as "father" bring to your mind?
- ❖ What false thinking about God would develop if we only saw him as "father" and not "in heaven"? What false thinking about God would develop if we only saw him as "in heaven" and not as "father"?
- ❖ What does the word "Our" before "Father" cause you to remember about your relationships?

Today, let's look at the three requests for God's glory that begin the Lord's Prayer.

List the first 3 requests of the Lord's Prayer.

God's Name

What does it mean to "hallow" something?

When someone says "That person is ruining my good name!" what does that mean? How does your answer to that question help you understand what it means to want God's ***name*** hallowed?

Pastor Tom say the “name” of God was a sort of “shorthand.” For what? (Check all that apply):

- His promises
- His character
- His presence

Describe what a life looks like when someone is hallowing the name of God.

Why do you think Jesus wants this to be the very first thing on our mind when we pray to God?

God’s Kingdom

Pastor Tom said to pray “Thy kingdom come” is a request for something to happen *soon* and for something to happen *now*.

A request for the arrival of God’s kingdom *soon*.

Read Revelation 22:20.

Make a list of things we will never have to deal with again when Jesus returns to set everything right.

How can fixing our hope on the soon-coming King help us put our personal ambitions and goals, and our personal sorrows and pains into the right perspective?

A request to help us reflect God’s kingdom *now*.

Pastor Tom said we are to be like clouds on the eastern horizon, reflecting the coming dawn! What are some things we should be

doing that can help people see what the rule of God will look like when Jesus finally returns? (Example: we can relate to others without racial discrimination. Now give some other examples.)

God's Will

Jesus said we need to ask God for help to do his will "as it is in heaven." What beings are doing God's will in heaven?

Make a list of the attitudes the angels "in heaven" probably have as they accomplish God's will.

Do we have these attitudes about doing God's will "on earth" as it is done "in heaven"?

Conclusion

We typically rush into prayer with a list of our personal needs. What would change if we took some time to first think about God's glory? Check all that apply and discuss why you checked them:

- Our trust in God would grow
- Our stress and worry would diminish
- We would come to think of our joys and sorrows as a stage where we could display God to the world
- Our prayer list would be less "me-centered"
- Other: _____



Close with praise reports and prayer requests