

"After this manner therefore pray ye: 'Our Father' which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name." Matthew 6:9 KJV

God's Word says, "Pray without ceasing." Stay in constant conversation with your heavenly Father. He is always at your side to hear you; to help you; to walk with you through and at times to carry you through the fires of life; to provide for your every need; and to carry you through death's portal to eternal bliss. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, 'Destroy them.'" Your heavenly Father spoke existence into being! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." He longs to give you His Life more abundantly than you can know. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." He has prepared a place for every child and will eternally dwell in their midst. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.'" He is their Light in the darkness of evil; their shield under enemy fire; their strength in weakness; their succor in sorrow; their gladness in sadness; their Joy in pain; and their Saviour from perdition. "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" He plants a hedge about His own and a Rock beneath their feet. He is their stronghold in life and their threshold in death. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." We often give gifts of appreciation to our earthly fathers entirely forgetting to offer the gift of praise from our lips to our Everlasting Father above, even though we "have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" Did you know "Abba" means "Daddy" in Hebrew? When is the last time you called God, "Daddy?" Have you ever felt that close to God? Have you ever felt that child-like?



Our Father often bears neglect,
While we our own desires protect,
He silent grieves as we're away,
Choosing not to stay and pray. -CGP

Do you suppose after all His labour, sacrifice, and effort on your behalf Jesus may feel a bit slighted when we formally approach Him with our sanctimonious "Our Father's" and grandiose sermons of prayer; while our heart remains a block of ice towards Him; and then strut away acting like we did Him some big favor? We should never "walk away" from prayer. As I began, "Pray without ceasing. Seek the LORD and His strength, seek His face continually. Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, 'let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.' Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, 'The LORD be magnified.'" His commands ARE the blessings that lead us to His bountiful provision! Provision is more than bodily sustenance. He heals our heart, delights our desire, and finishes our faith!

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," saith the Lord, 'and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,' saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 KJV