

**HOW ARE WE TO PRAY? Part 1 “Our Father”**  
**Jesus reveals we are to pray in a way that which glorifies God not man**  
**Matthew 6:9**

**I. Some INITIAL OBSERVATIONS concerning THE DISCIPLES PRAYER (9-13)**

- A. It is not a prayer Jesus prayed or would pray (cf 6:12, 2Cor 5.21, 1Pet 1:19, 2:22)
  
- B. It is a general pattern with a focus, not a procedure to be followed by rote (6:8, 9)
  
- C. It gives us the basic how to pray, not what to pray (cf Luke 11, Rom 8).
  
- D. It does not give us complete revelation concerning prayer. Other biblical elements are missing, such as thankfulness (various passages).
  
- E. It is divided in to two parts all focused on God’s glory: First in relation to Him (9-10), then in relation to our needs (11-13).
  
- F. It is given in context to how not to pray.(i.e like the unsaved, being insincere and/or ignorant) (5-8)
  
- G. Jesus’ teaching in it appears to have the goal of unveiling the deceived heart of the unforgiven who thought they were saved (cf. 6:14-15)

**II. The First half of the Prayer reveals...We are to PRAY IN A MANNER THAT GLORIFIES OUR GOD by humbly and reverently addressing Him in the context of truth about Him and His will (9-10)**

- A. Understand God is glorified when we address Him rightly as our Heavenly Father (9a)**

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- B. Know God is glorified when we give the honor and reverence due His Name (9b)**
- C. God is glorified when we anticipate and desire Christ’s future return.(10a)**
- D. God is glorified when we desire His will done now (10b)**

**III. The Second half of the Prayer reveals...We are to PRAY IN A MANNER THAT GLORIFIES OUR GOD by humbly submitting our genuine needs to Him which brings Him glory (11-13)**