

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Prayer & Forgiveness Matthew 6:9-15

Vs. 9, "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven –

- **OUR** Father
- **Our** is **FIRST** of all, **with Jesus**
- **He** invites us into **His** life **with The Father**
- **Our** is the doorway into the rest of the prayer
- **Our** includes everyone Jesus includes in "Our"
(**I Corinthians 11:27-29 & Philippians 2:2-4**)
- Globally is true, but **boots on the ground** is where it's real

As with everything so far (**5:3-6:8**)

- It **starts** with the **heart**

Skirting **His "Our"** **hinders & disempowers** the rest of the prayer

- This is **the main thread** through the fabric of the prayer
- Less **Our** = less **of Christ**
- If we don't **mean** all of **His body**...
- We don't mean **all of Him**
(**I Cor. 12:12-27 & Eph. 2:18-22**)

This is also the **riskiest** part of the prayer

- **Like Jesus**, you will devote yourself entirely to others
- **Like Jesus**, some will abandon you for a variety of reasons

- There's **nothing** you can do about it, and it **hurts**

"Our Father in heaven –

- Means **We ARE** brothers & sisters...
- With **His** children - **WITH** Jesus
(**We** are as committed to them as **He** is)

"Our Father in heaven –

- In **Your** perfect realm, from where **You**...
- Watch over & care for us...
- Extending **Your perfection** into our corrupt world...
- **Personally & together (5:48)**

"Hallowed (Holly & Honored) be Your name –

- **Your Name** bears **the greatest honor** we can utter!
- My Baseball jersey
"God's last name is **NOT** Damn"

Vs. 10, "Your kingdom come –

- Where **You** are **ABSOLUTE** authority...
- Over **everyone & everything!**

"Your kingdom come –

- **Your kingdom** is the **ONLY** place **WE** want to live...
(Never **ANYWHERE** outside of it - as Jesus –
I John 4:17)

- As Completely **surrendered & submitted subjects...**
- To Your **ABSOLUTE** authority in **"OUR"** lives.

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"Your will be done –

- As **You** reveal & direct...
- **When, where, how, why & with whom,**
 (You owe us no explanation)
- As **You** please (**John 5:19 & 20:21**)

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"Your will be done –

- It is an honor & privilege **to obey You** in faith
- **Whatever** You tell us to do
 (**Luke 17:5-10**)

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"On earth as it is in heaven –

- **Here & now among those who well**
 (Twelve spies went into the land – **Numbers 13-14**)

"On earth as it is in heaven –

- **Without** questioning or wavering
- In **perfect (5:48)** concert...
- **With You** & whoever we serve You with

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Luke 2:14,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

Matthew 5:9,

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."