

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus came to give us two things:

- **Peace & Oneness**

July (**Matt. 7:7-8**) – Ask, Seek & Knock

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Ask for His provision of Peace

- Absolutely safe, secure relationship
- With the **Father & each other**
- **In & with Christ Jesus**
(**John 14:27, 16:33 & 17:20-23**)

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Seek His revelation of Righteousness

- Wisdom, knowledge & understanding
- **Knowledge of Him**
(**Matt. 5:6 & 6:33**)

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Knock for reception into His Oneness

- **Indivisible** complete & total **Oneness**
(**John 17:20-21**)

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Jesus teaches us about prayer –

- Getting **personal** about the **Oneness**

Matthew 6:5-8

“When you pray” – **Three times!**

- **Not if** you pray

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Vs. 9, “In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”

Start with **Who God is...**

- And **who you are** in relationship with Him
- Jesus begins with who **we are**, including **Him**

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No translation tells us to pray My Father

“**Our**” is not a disconnected group of individuals

- Rather, **of the same authorship...**
- **With Jesus & each other**
- **He is in the “Our”**, and those who are His

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I Corinthians 1:10-13, Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” **Is Christ divided?**

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Matthew 12:48-50, But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

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Philippians 3:17, Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

“**Brethren**” = Original family of origin

- Alpha of the womb
- **Jesus’s Original family of origin**

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“Our Father” includes all who are **His in the original family**

- **Born again in Christ**
- Cain was unwilling to need Abel in worship of God

Father = He is our direct Parent!

John 1:12, But to all **who did receive Him**, He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

Galatians 4:6-7, And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, **“Abba, Father!”** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- As is every other believer with us
- This is not theological theory, but eternal reality

I John 3:1, Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! And we are!

“Our Father in heaven”

What did you get from your earthly father?

- I got a work ethic, honesty & generosity (Do your best, finish what you start, keep your word)
- I also got harsh judgement & rejection

He is **not** your earthly father, or mine

- I embraced hard work, honesty & generosity
- But **they’re not enough** – for you, me or anyone else

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Even if you haven’t been living to prove yourself to your father...

- You may have been living **to prove yourself to yourself**

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Only our heavenly Father can give us the acceptance & approval we need

- Nothing we do can improve on it
- Not knowing it will rob us of **His Peace & Oneness**

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Luke 2:49, And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father’s business?**”

Are we – individually & together?

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Independent individuality is a deception & a trap

- It robs us, **The Lord, His church & our community**
- For us **as individuals**, and **as congregations**
- He will never give all of Himself to **part of Himself**
- We can only call Him our Father **with each other**

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So, embrace **our need to need each other...**

And pray in faith, **“Our Father in heaven”**