

*Colossians 3:16*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



*These next five devotionals will focus on each of the five petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is not only intended to be a stand alone prayer, but also a model to guide us in framing our own prayers. Each petition is both very concise and very comprehensive. The Scriptures below for each petition are meant to help us open up our prayers, to reach deeper in and higher up.*

**Scripture for "Our Father who art in heaven."**

**Psalm 150:1** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

**Isaiah 63:16** For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

**Malachi 2:10** Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?

**Luke 11:13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**II Corinthians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

**Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**I John 3:1** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**Scripture for "Hallowed be your name."**

**Psalm 86:12** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

**Psalm 99:3** Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

**Psalm 105:3** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**Malachi 1:11** For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

**John 12:28** "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

## Heidelberg Catechism

*Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?*

At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer-the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith. (Q/A 120)

*Why the words "in heaven"?*

These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from his almighty power. (Q/A 121)

*What does the first request "Hallowed be your name" mean?*

Our Father in heaven, help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. Help us to direct all our living-what we think, say, and do-so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised. Amen. (Q/A 122)

## Song

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

### ***Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name***

Lord, our Lord, thy glorious Name  
All thy wondrous works proclaim;  
In the heavens with radiant signs  
Evermore thy glory shines.  
Infant lips Thou dost ordain  
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;  
Weakest means fulfill Thy will,  
Mighty enemies to still.

Moon and stars in shining height  
Nightly tell their Maker's might;  
When thy wondrous heavens I scan,  
Then I know how weak is man.  
What is man that he should be  
Loved and visited by Thee,  
Raised to an exalted height,  
Crowned with honor in Thy sight?

With dominion crowned he stands  
O'er the creatures of Thy hands;  
All to him subjection yield  
In the sea and air and field.  
Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious Name  
All Thy wondrous works proclaim;  
Thine the Name of matchless worth,  
Excellent in all the earth.

## **Prayer**

*II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy Father, you are the Father of lights, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort: the Everlasting Father, from whom and through whom and to whom are all things.

You are the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose glory was that of the only Son from the Father, who is at your side: beside you, like a master workman, daily your delight and rejoicing before you always.

You are, in Christ, our Father and the Father of all believers, whom you have predestined for adoption as sons, and into whose hearts you have sent the Spirit of the Son, teaching them to cry, “Abba! Father!” See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God! That the Lord God Almighty should be a Father to us, and we should be sons and daughters to him; and that to all who receive him, who believe in his name, you should give the right to become children of God, who are born, not of the will of man, but of God and his grace.

O that we may receive adoption as sons, and that as obedient and genuine children we may be conformed to the example of him who has called us, who is holy; and may we be imitators of God as beloved children, and conformed to the image of his Son, who is the firstborn among many brothers.

(from Matthew Henry’s Method for Prayer)