

WHEN WE PRAY

WEEK ONE

"Our Father in heaven" Matthew 6.9a

WHAT IS ONE HOPE YOU HAVE FROM GOING THROUGH THE LORD'S PRAYER THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS?

HOW IS GOD BEING YOUR FATHER COMFORTING OR UNCOMFORTABLE?

HOW DOES JESUS STARTING WITH GOD AS OUR FATHER GIVE INTIMACY TO PRAYER?

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS SAYING "OUR FATHER" INSTEAD OF "MY FATHER"? HOW DOES THAT ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAY WITHIN COMMUNITY?

WRITE A PRAYER THAT ACKNOWLEDGES GOD AS YOUR FATHER, BOTH HOLY AND INTIMATE.

"HENCE HE BOTH CALLS HIMSELF OUR FATHER, AND IS PLEASED TO BE SO CALLED BY US, BY THIS DELIGHTFUL NAME RELIEVING US OF ALL DISTRUST, SINCE NO WHERE CAN A STRONGER AFFECTION BE FOUND THAN IN A FATHER. HENCE, TOO, HE COULD NOT HAVE GIVEN US A STRONGER TESTIMONY OF HIS BOUNDLESS LOVE THAN IN CALLING US HIS SONS. BUT HIS LOVE TOWARDS US IS SO MUCH THE GREATER AND MORE EXCELLENT THAN THAT OF EARTHLY PARENTS, THE FARTHER HE SURPASSES ALL MEN IN GOODNESS AND MERCY (ISAIAH 63:16)."

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