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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
THE LORD'S PRAYER
Matthew 6:9

1. "Hallowed be thy name,"
 - a. "Thy kingdom come,"
 - b. "Thy will be done"

 2. "Give us this day our daily bread,"
 - a. "Forgive us our debts,"
 - b. "Lead us not into temptation"
- A. We do not have a required posture of prayer.
B. God's word does not teach us that there is only one place we can pray.
C. The Bible does not teach us that there is only one time to pray.

In Luke 18:1 we read that Jesus said, we should *"always pray"*.

God is "Our Abba" : In John 1: 12:13 it says this, *"who received Him, Jesus , those who believed in His name, He gave these people the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."*

Jesus death on the cross is what made it possible for us to become God's children. Galatians 4:47 says. *"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts, the spirit calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son."*

Our Father is in Heaven. The key word here is "is". Our Abba "is" in heaven. David exclaims in Psalm 139, *"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; If I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You. You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, even there Your eyes saw my unformed body."*

Remember Jesus promised, *"Lo I am with you always even to the end of the age."*

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