

Stay Connected with His Father

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Prayer is connecting with God in our words and thoughts.

While the need to connect may come naturally, the ability to connect often needs to be taught.

Luke 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

In Matthew 6 and Luke 11, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray by using words that have come to be called the Lord's Prayer.

We can view this prayer not only as a script but also as a traveler's guide for connecting with God the Jesus way.

God is *Father*.

Relating to God as "Father" was not something the Old Testament believers seemed to do very often. This connection point primarily comes from Jesus' own prayer life.

Luke 11:2

Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father...'"

God is *our* Father.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we're "adopted" as God's children and, therefore, can connect with God as our Father, too.

Romans 8:15-16

The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

God is our Father *in heaven*.

Prayer enriches our perspective by getting us out of our comfort zones, leading us out of this world even while we are fully in it.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.