

Jubilee: The Lord's Prayer

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“Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.” (Ps. 148:13)

THEME: HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME (MATT. 6:9)

Many of us have probably recited the Lord's Prayer tens, if not, hundreds of times. As we repeat the words over and over again, do we really take time to consider what they mean? As we have been going through the Lord's Prayer for these weekly devotionals, we want to take time to more deeply reflect on it's meaning.

The phrase “hallowed be your name” is actually the first request of the prayer and rightly so. To “hallow” means “to make holy or sacred”, but we do not pray this because God needs to be made holy – He already is! It is a request that we would recognize God as such by giving Him the reverence He is due. It is the first request because above all else, this should be the priority of our prayer and our lives – that God be honored foremost!

REFLECTION

- So often our prayers boil down to a laundry list of what we want God to do for us. How often do your prayers reflect a desire to truly honor God's will instead of us just wanting Him to do ours?
- One of the best ways we can “hallow” God's name is through our praise. How much of your prayers incorporate time to honor Him through our praise– praising Him for who He is; thanking Him for His characteristics?

RENEW

- Strive to set ample time aside in your prayer life to simply praise and worship God instead of just a brief “Dear God” followed by a long list of personal requests.
- Make God's honor the first priority in your prayers as Jesus exemplified through the Lord's Prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that our church would be a place that honors God foremost
- Pray for the Ethiopian airline disaster and the terrorist attacks in New Zealand and Norway