



# As In Heaven

Matthew 6:9-13

## *Sermon/Teaching Outline*

### **Introduction:**

The disciples asked Jesus many questions during the years they walked with Him. They asked about the Kingdom. They asked about greatness. They asked about the end of the age. But there is only one thing recorded in Scripture that they specifically asked Him to *teach* them.

They didn't say, "Lord, teach us how to preach."

They didn't say, "Teach us how to heal the sick or cast out demons."

They said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

These were not men unfamiliar with prayer. As Jews, they were men of discipline and devotion. They prayed three times a day- morning, afternoon, and evening—according to custom. Prayer was already part of their rhythm of life.

And yet, when they watched Jesus pray, they knew there was something different.

Jesus would withdraw to solitary places. He would rise early or stay up late. He prayed not out of ritual, but out of relationship—as the Son of God communing with the Father. And when He came back from those moments of prayer, **things happened**.

Blind eyes were opened.

Deaf ears began to hear.

The lame walked.

The mute spoke.

Bodies were healed.

Demons were driven out.

The disciples made the connection: there was power tied to His prayer life. And it stirred something in them that routine prayer never had.

So they came to Him, not as beginners, but as men who prayed and said, "Lord... teach us to pray."

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## **Scripture text**

The Lord's Prayer- Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen”

\*The traditional version above might sound more familiar to your audience. However, you may want to consider using the NLT version, which states it more plainly.

“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one.”

## **Teaching**

1. Prayer is the bridge connecting heaven's promises to earth's reality.

When we touch heaven in prayer, He brings about change on earth.

Matt 6:10 NKJV- “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

2. Prayer shifts our focus from our circumstances to God.

Colossians 3:1 NLT- “Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.”

3. Prayer reminds of our authority in Christ.

Matt 16:19 NLT- “And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

**Application:** (choose one or all three)

1. Pray without ceasing. (1 Thess. 5:17) Pray on it, pray over it, pray through it.

2. The importance of persistent prayer. We don't have to worry if it's “ok” to ask God for things we need. Matt 7:7

3. Use the Lord's prayer as a model for everyday prayer. Pause at each phrase and talk to the Lord about your particular circumstances, worries, or fears.

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## **Conclusion:**

Around the world today, there are somewhere between 270-280 diplomatic American posts, protecting American citizens in foreign countries. Embassies serve as the formal presence of one nation within another country. They manage diplomatic relations with the host government, advocate for their country's political, economic, cultural, and security interests, and assist nationals overseas by handling passports, visas, and emergency support.

Similarly, as believers, we are citizens of another kingdom- the kingdom of God. And with our heavenly citizenship, the apostle Paul declares us to be "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20). Even though our natural citizenship is from an earthly country, our spiritual citizenship is in heaven.

This citizenship is based on our relationship with Jesus who died for our sins. One day we will be in heaven with Him, but it also grants to us some of the privileges of heaven right now!

Our prayer is that our lives would become living examples, conduits of God's love, power, and redemption, breaking into the broken places of earth. May we boldly live on earth as it is in heaven.

## **Response:**

In closing, no matter the setting (women's bible study, retreat, Sunday morning sermon, small group), provide a moment for your audience to respond to the message.

1. Invite the audience to close their eyes and offer a time for application/reflection on the message.

Where do you need heaven to come into your life or circumstance?

- In my family as in heaven
- In my marriage as in heaven
- In my church as in heaven (etc)

2. Offer a time to pray, receive prayer, and respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting.

• Invite them to come forward to the front/altar for prayer

• Or provide a personal response at their seat.

Always remember that there may be someone present who has not given their life to Jesus or has drifted from Him. Even if you know everyone in the room, you do not know the condition of every heart. Give an invitation to salvation and to enter into a relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord.

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## Suggestions

### 1. **Make the message your own**

Include personal stories of how heaven came down in your life.

- Tell of a time when you gave forgiveness and how it set you free.
- Tell of a time when God supernaturally provided “daily bread” provision.

### 2. **Make it an illustrated sermon**

- Use a glass pitcher filled with water to represent our will. Pour it out to show how we empty ourselves and ask God to fill us. Refill the pitcher with water to represent being filled with the Holy Spirit.
- When talking about forgiveness, use a birdcage or box to illustrate the prison that we are in when we hold unforgiveness in our hearts, and how we get free when we release them to God.
- Use a photo of or a real set of keys to illustrate Jesus’ authority that He gave to us.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a visual that would connect with your women.

### 3. **Song Option**

Play the song (either live or recorded) during the response time.

- Holy Forever- Kari Jobe
- The Lord’s Prayer- Matt Maher
- As In Heaven- Elevation Worship
- As it is in Heaven- Phil Wickham

### 4. **Generosity**

Consider receiving an offering for Light The Way (AG Women’s missions) and help make “As in Heaven” a reality in someone else’s life. Find more information on Light The Way at [women.ag.org](http://women.ag.org).

## Take the next step...

We invite you to check out our women’s study:

### **As In Heaven- Unlocking the Power of the Lord’s Prayer**

This six-week study includes a line-by-line breakdown of the prayer Jesus gave to His disciples.

- Week 1- Pray Like This.
- Week 2- Our Father in Heaven, May Your Name Be Kept Holy.
- Week 3- Your Kingdom Come Soon. May Your Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven.
- Week 4- Give Us Today the Food We Need.
- Week 5- And Forgive Us Our Sins, as We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us.
- Week 6- And Don’t Let Us Yield to Temptation but Rescue Us from the Evil One.

\*Free 15 minute videos are available for each week at [women.ag.org](http://women.ag.org).

\*The study and As In Heaven merchandise can be found at [myhealthychurch.com](http://myhealthychurch.com)