

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name (Matthew 6:9)

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time - waking and sleeping. It does not change God - it changes me". (C. S. Lewis)

Jesus knew how to pray.

Luke 6:12

Matthew 14:23

Mark 1:35

Mark 5:29

Luke 5:15-16

John 17

**"Our Father" - Speaks of _____
He is Paternal**

**"In Heaven" - Speaks of _____
He is Powerful**

**"Hallowed be Your Name" - Speaks of _____
He is Precious**

Prayer in the Book of Acts

Prayer is both the thermometer and the thermostat of the local church; for the “spiritual temperature” either goes up or down, depending on how God’s people pray.

- The believers prayed for guidance in making decisions (Acts 1:14–26) and for courage to witness for Christ (Acts 4:23–31).
- Prayer was a normal part of their daily ministry (Acts 2:42–47; 3:1; 6:4).
- Stephen prayed as he was being stoned (Acts 7:55–60).
- Peter and John prayed for the Samaritans (Acts 8:14–17).
- Saul of Tarsus prayed after his conversion (Acts 9:11).
- Peter prayed before he raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36–43).
- Cornelius prayed that God would show him how to be saved (Acts 10:1–4).
- Peter was on the housetop praying when God told him how to be the answer to Cornelius’ prayers (Acts 10:9).
- The believers in John Mark’s house prayed for Peter when he was in prison, and the Lord delivered him both from prison and from death (Acts 12:1–11).
- The church at Antioch fasted and prayed before sending out Barnabas and Paul (Acts 13:1–3; and note 14:23).
- It was at a prayer meeting in Philippi that God opened Lydia’s heart (Acts 16:13)
- A prayer meeting in Philippi opened the prison doors (Acts 16:25ff).
- Paul prayed for his friends before leaving them (Acts 20:36; 21:5).
- In the midst of a storm, Paul prayed for God’s blessing (Acts 27:35), and after a storm, Paul prayed that God would heal a sick man (Acts 28:8).