

Our Father June 15, 2025

#### Read Matthew 6:5-8

Has prayer ever become performative or transactional in your own life?

### **Read Matthew 6:9**

How does the idea of God as Father resonate with your own personal experiences and understanding of God? What are some challenges or struggles you have faced in understanding or relating to God as Father?

# Read Ephesians 2:19

How are you encouraged by the fact that you are not alone, you are part of a larger household or family God has put together? What specific steps can you take to be more committed to the church family and to strengthening relationships within it?

# Read Psalm 68:5

How does the Psalmist's view of God's love for the fatherless and widows affect you? How does it influence your sense of responsibility towards the fatherless, widowed, and grieving in your life?

# Read Galatians 4:6-7

How do these verses affect your understanding of God's grace and your relationship with Him?

#### Read Romans 8:15-17

How does understanding that God has adopted you as his child affect your relationship with God? How does this passage encourage you in moments of fear or doubt?

Max Lucado wrote that "Oh Daddy" is a good way to begin prayer. If you truly approached God as a loved, tender Daddy, what kind of interaction would mark your conversation with him? What gets in the way of that?

**Application:** Throughout the next 24 hours pray, "Thank you, Father" as you look around you at the many blessings He gives. Go to your Father several times throughout the day in short prayer and just say, "Father, I love you. Thank you for your love for me."