



## ***The God Who Hears***

Matthew 6:11-13

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**Introduction:** Naturally, it is appropriate and right for God's people to come to their Creator and simply worship and praise him. He is, after all, God. Even so, biblical prayer is at the very heart *petitionary*. It involves God's people bringing their needs to their Father. In fact, every one of the statements in the Lord's Prayer is an urgent request of God, with the final three representing pleas for the fulfillment of personal needs.

## **Three We-Petitions**

**01.**

**02.**

**03.**

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# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. What is included in the request for “our daily bread” (verse 11)?
2. One distinctive of Christian prayer is the nature of the God we address. What does the Lord’s Prayer tell us about God? How are these characteristics of God reflected in your own prayers?
3. Are there concerns that are simply too small to bother God with? How so?
4. When God forgives us he cancels our moral debt and frees us completely; but he also credits our account with something incredible. What is it and how does that strengthen us?
5. If God justifies us at the moment of our conversion and forever declares us “not guilty” because of Christ’s righteousness, then why do we need to regularly ask God for his forgiveness (verse 12)?
6. Does God lead his children into temptation (cf. James 1:13)? If not, what is the meaning of Matthew 6:13?

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1. Read Matthew 6:11.
2. **01. "Father, provide for us our immediate needs as we continue to trust you with the future."**
3. Read Matthew 6:12.
4. "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'" - *1 Peter 1:14-16*
5. "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." - *Colossians 2:13-14*
6. "This petition supposes a sense, acknowledgment, and confession of sin. ... What is here requested is a manifestation and application of pardon to the conscience of a sensible sinner; which, as it is daily needed, is daily to be asked for." - *John Gill*
7. **02. "God, we have sinned against you by rebelling against your will. Please forgive us, and restore to us sweetness and joy of an unhampered relationship with you."**
8. Read Matthew 6:13.
9. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." - *James 1:13*
10. **03. "Do not allow us to succumb to temptation but keep us far from it, and protect us from the evil one who seeks to destroy us."**

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