

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!



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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

✠ Amen ✠

Our Father in Heaven

Jesus reveals to us that God is not only his father, but *our father* and the relationship we have with God is that of a child with their dad



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Names of God

THE OLD TESTAMENT

El Shaddai	Lord God Almighty
El Elyon	The Most High God
Adonai	Lord, Master
Yahweh	Lord, Jehovah
Jehovah Nissi	The Lord My Banner
Jehovah-Raah	The Lord My Shepherd
Jehovah Rapha	The Lord That Heals
Jehovah Shammah	The Lord Is There
Jehovah Tsidkenu	The Lord Our Righteousness
Jehovah Mekoddishkem	The Lord Who Sanctifies You
El Olam	The Everlasting God
Elohim	God
Qanna	Jealous
Jehovah Jireh	The Lord Will Provide
Jehovah Shalom	The Lord Is Peace
Jehovah Sabaoth	The Lord of Hosts

Hallowed be thy name

- There are many names of God revealed in the Scriptures
- But Jesus has just taught us to name God, “Our Father” and this is the name to be most hallowed, honoured and revered.
- It is through this name all other attributes of God (and this prayer) should be viewed

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- God is indeed King and in charge, but we are not his subjects, we are his children (1 John 3:1)
- A good King may command his subjects – but he loves, nurtures, leads, enjoys and guides his children (like Jesus with his disciples)
- The will of the king is that his children will fulfil their potential as people fit to rule
- His Kingdom comes when enemies are turned into friends



Give us today our daily bread



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- Jehovah Jireh is our provider.
- Your heavenly Father knows what you need (Matt 6:32, Luke 11:13)
- But God is no Santa Claus doing what we bid, he is our father who knows that for our best he must sometimes withhold what we ask for, and sometimes just provide the ingredients



And forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those that trespass against us

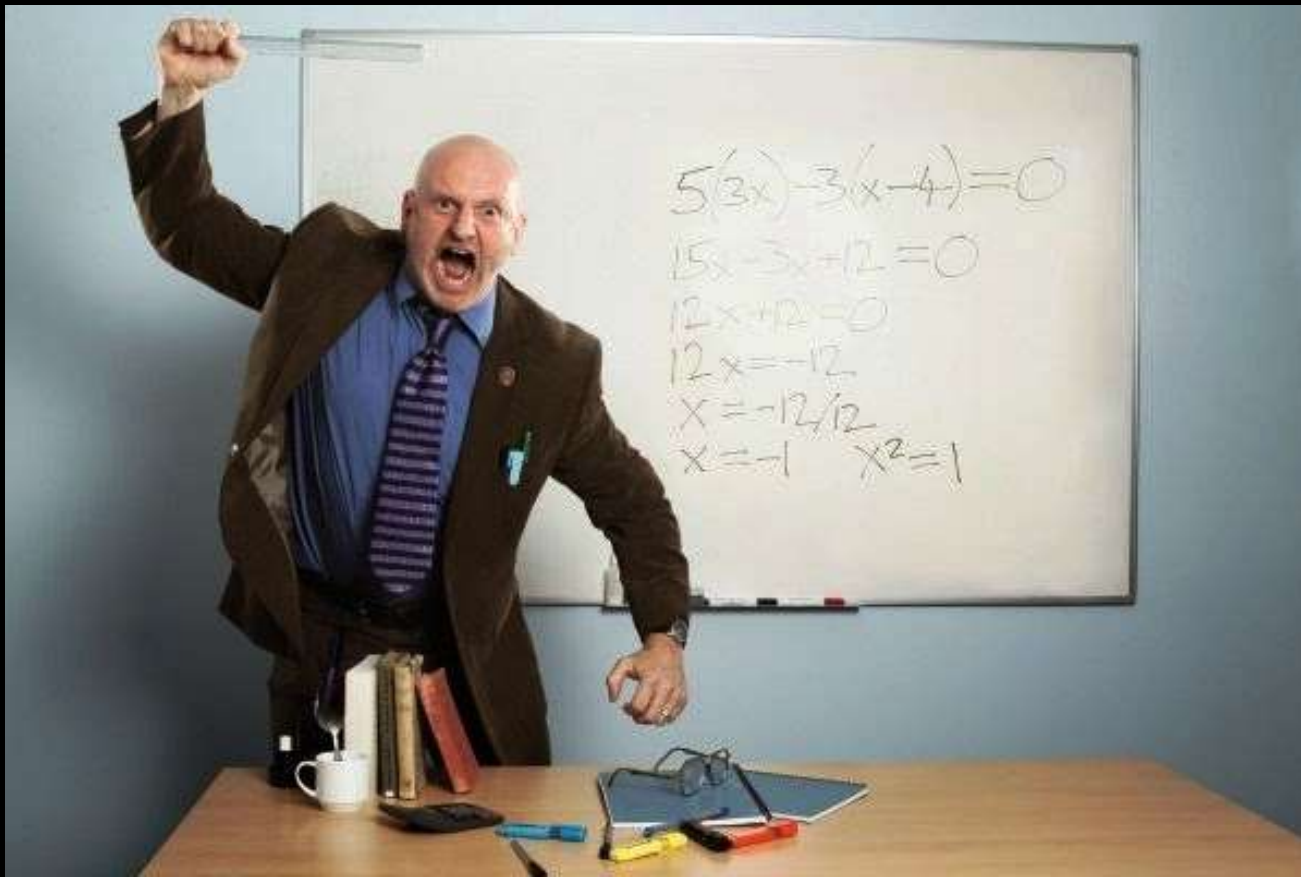


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- This implies God is the lawgiver and the judge at the bench waiting to pass judgement.
- But he is our Father first who kills the fattened calf and celebrates with us when we return.
- He is our Father that helps us know right from wrong,
- He is Our Father who knows that discipline does not mean punishment but training

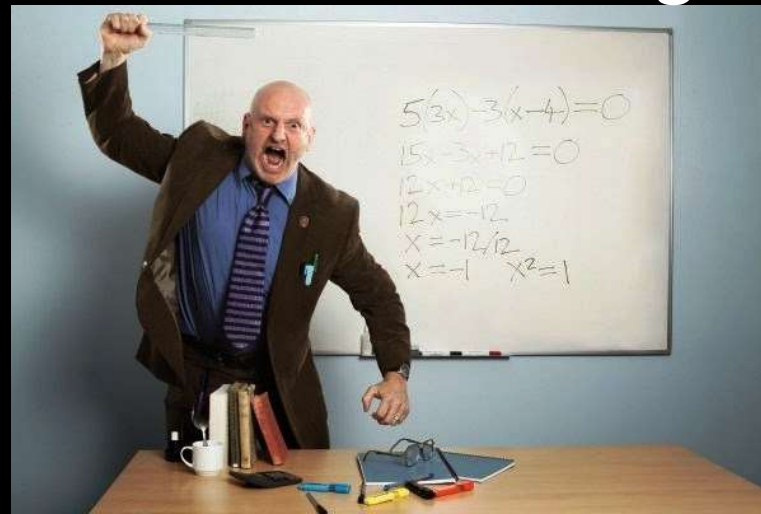
And lead us not into temptation

- Temptation can also mean “testing”
- Who “tests” us?



And do not bring us to the test

- God is our teacher and many people stumble, worried that He will condemn us if we don't know all the right answers
- But he is our Father who guides us both by his example and through his Holy Spirit which leads us into all the knowledge we need



But deliver us from evil



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- God is our protector – a strong and mighty fortress
- But the reality is we live in an unfriendly world and just like Jesus, we are likely to be harmed.
- Where is God in this?
- Jesus says that in this world you may suffer but be of good cheer he has overcome the world
- He has given us spiritual armour and the sword of the Spirit to stand against our true enemy (not people)

For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours.

- God is indeed has the ability to do it all as he has the power and the authority
- But let us not forget, that this is our Father we are talking about, not some lofty being, but our source, our hope, our dad.

A pattern for fatherhood (or parenting)

- Fathering (parenting) is a holy calling.
- This prayer reveals many important roles.
- Governor
- Provider
- Arbiter
- Teacher
- Protector
- But firstly you are dad

Unbalanced parenting

- The dad who would be King
 - the kids are controlled
- The dad who gives everything
 - the kids are spoilt
- The dad who is always judging
 - The kids are oppressed
- The dad who expects perfection
 - The kids are harassed
- The dad who has shares in bubble wrap
 - The kids are isolated and vulnerable



We are Dads first

So God parents us with many different roles but let us remember his example and what is first..

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!”

(1 John 3:1)

“And you know that the LORD has taken care of us the whole time we've been in the desert, just as you might carry one of your children.”

(1 Deut 1:31)

