

Our Father

Opening Prayer Heavenly Father, You continually provide for every need in Your own time, guide us, and protect us. Help us in this time as we continue to discover what it means for us to be your sons and daughters and for You to be our Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- The question that the Lord's prayer answers is: _____?
- Therefore, the Lord's Prayer is all about _____ in the _____.
- Life is a process of learning to _____ with God (because that's what happens in Kingdom life). In the Lord's Prayer, then, Jesus is showing us how to _____ with God.
- The word Jesus uses for "Father" is a very formal title for God. (circle one) True or False?

What Does This Mean? (Catechism Time)

Open your catechisms to p.180. Read through the "The Introduction" section and then fill in the blanks for the answer to the *What Does This Mean?* question below:

With these words God tenderly _____ us to believe that He is our true _____ and that we are His true _____, so that with all boldness and _____ we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father.

Questions for Your Crew (*Be sure to write your thoughts!*)

- As a Crew, make a list of some famous dads—dads in the news, in the movies, on shows, you name it!
 - What makes a great dad? What are some bad traits for a dad?
- What responsibilities does God have towards you as your Father?
- God the Father is the perfect Father. What other attributes apply to Him that don't apply even to great earthy fathers?
- Take a look at pages 180 and 181 in your catechism. Under questions 205 and 206 there are a lot of Bible verses that help us learn more about our Heavenly Father.
 - What words jump out to you from these bible passages?
 - Now pick two verses and read them slowly. What is one important point about God our Father?

Seeing Your World Through the Lord's Prayer

One of the incredible things the Lord's Prayer does is it allows us to see our World through its words. Below you'll see a number of areas in your life that you could lift up to God in prayer. Tonight, our goal is to write prayers for each of those areas that tie into this reality: That God is our Father.

In the space below:

- *Look at each prompt below and think about something in your life in this area that you could pray about.*
- *Then write a prayer specifically focusing on the fact that God is your Father.*

Some helpful hints:

- *Remember those words that you thought were important when you read the bible verses about God in the catechism. Use those words as you write to Him!*
- *Think about your answers to the questions about what it means that God is our Father. Write to Him thinking about those answers.*

Remember, prayer is simply talking with God! That's it. So just write like you would talk to Him.

I would like to pray for this person in my life: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about my life, I want: _____

My prayer: _____

I need guidance for: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about this next week, protect me from: _____

My prayer: _____

Here's my challenge to you for this week: every time you pray this week, pray remembering that God is your Father and see what words come to mind as you lift up various prayer requests this week.

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Heavenly Father, help us to always have Your will in mind as we go about our week. Help us to rely on You for every good gift and all of our needs. Remind us daily of the forgiveness You promise us so that we might also be forgiving. Be our guide this week and always and protect us from what may come our way that we might always be held and known by You. In Jesus' name. Amen.