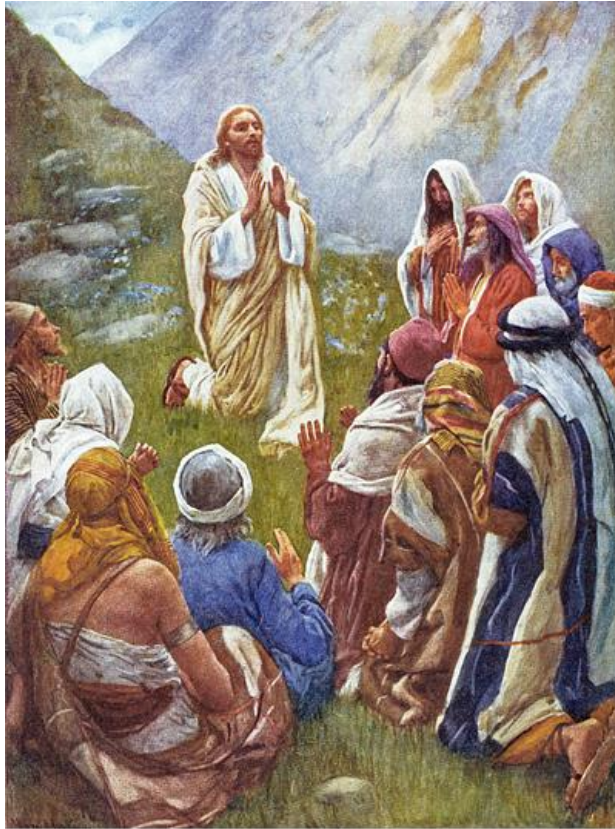


Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name



The Lord's Prayer by Harold Copping

Martin Luther thought it was really important that the Lord's Prayer started with "Our Father..." Not because dads are more important than moms, but because it reminds us that God loves us and wants us to seek him. Mothers and fathers love their children, and children depend on their mothers and fathers for all kinds of things. When we need something, we ask our parents. So looking at God as our Father (or Mother!) reminds us to ask things of God boldly and confidently, just like you would your parents! 😊

It's interesting to note that Luther added this explanation to the Small Catechism when he became a father himself for the first time, maybe because he was suddenly able to think about this in a new way based on his new experiences!

God is available to us, even if God is in a heaven that we can only imagine because we haven't seen it for ourselves. God is in a place bigger than time or space, yet God is right next to us when we need to talk.

"Hallowed" is a fancy word that means "made holy." God's name is holy, and we say this in prayer in hope that we, too, will remember that God is holy, and we show honor to God's name by what we say and what we do.

So what prayers can you add to your jar that are prayers of praise to our Holy Father in Heaven?