

The Lord's Prayer: Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven

What does this mean?

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

Some men are good fathers, some are not-so-good. Some are great and some are terrible, not even worthy of the title "father." The type of father one has had determines to a great deal what kind of prayer life they have. If you were afraid of your father, approaching your heavenly Father could be a daunting task. That says something to us fathers. It's one more reason (as if we needed another) to be a good father to our children. We are examples and models to them of God. Like it or not, they see God through us. That being said, if you have grown up with a bad father, remember, your father is not the pattern for God. God is the pattern for fathers and how we should act toward our children. Look to how the Bible describes fathers when looking to your heavenly Father in prayer.