



# Praying to Our Father in Heaven

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You also have become an \_\_\_\_\_ child of God so that you have the privilege of calling God your Father.

The evidence that you are now His child is that He has given to you the \_\_\_\_\_ of adoption.

The Spirit of adoption we have received cries out to God \_\_\_\_\_; Father.

## **Knowing *Who We Are* Petitioning:**

We are coming to God in His \_\_\_\_\_ role, \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Practicing Righteousness (Matthew 6:1):**

Jesus warns us in his teaching of a certain \_\_\_\_\_ when practicing righteousness.

It is the word '\_\_\_\_\_ ' which was originally used of Greek \_\_\_\_\_ who wore masks on stage to hide their true identity.

The cure for hypocrisy is \_\_\_\_\_ God as \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Prayer in the Jewish World (Matthew 6:5-6):**

The Jewish world faced the temptation of praying publicly while having no \_\_\_\_\_ history with God.

## **Prayer in the Gentile World (Matthew 6:7-8):**

They treated prayer like a magic \_\_\_\_\_.

The Father knows what we need before we ask Him but invites us to have \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with Him.

## **Our Father in Heaven (Matthew 6:9a):**

This is not your father on \_\_\_\_\_ you are coming to but your father in \_\_\_\_\_.

In the NT we are directed to pray to the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:3-6)

*Fill-in-the-blanks: adopted, Spirit, Abba, chief, Father, danger, 'hypocrites', play actors, knowing, Father, secret, formula, intimate, earth, heaven.*

## **Discussion Questions for House Churches/Triads:**

- Describe your own experience with the Spirit of adoption. Do you feel uncomfortable calling God "*Father*"?
- In what ways have you struggled with hypocrisy? Describe it in terms of your prayer life.
- Do you have a secret history with God? How do you avoid praying like the Gentiles do?