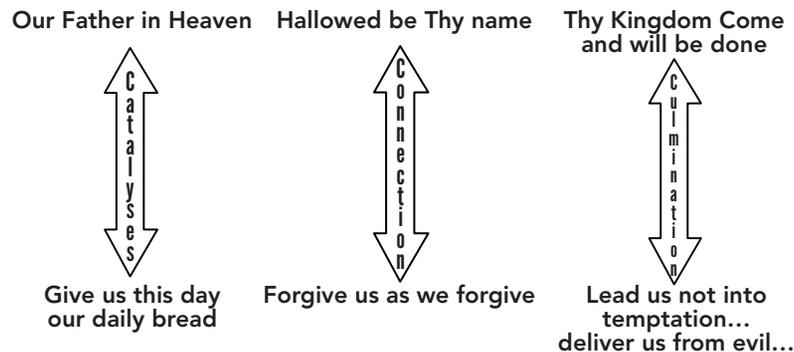




Keep Praying
**LEARNING TO PRAY ... AGAIN,
 PART 3**

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God is *generative personality* (Our Father) so the essence of our relationship to Him is *request* (give us). This part of the prayer is the **BIG BANG** — it *fuels* the rest of the prayer.

Scripturally, "Father" brings the *sacrifice, sustenance and source of identity*.

"Hallowed be Thy name" means, *be the central concern of my life*.

Scripturally, three things ward against "God be hallowed" in our lives: *worry, desires, un-forgiveness*.

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When we connect to God He *connects* us to our *neighbor*.

The best way to deal with this reality is *trade it in, not suspend*. The best way to deal with temptation is a *grander vision*.

SO, HOW DO WE KEEP PRAYING?

Important: lots of people will "*lose heart*" i.e. *stop praying!*
 (See Luke 18:1-8)

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. "*Rejoice* always" — *Relentlessly choose joy!*
2. "*Pray* constantly" — *Wrestle the challenges to the ground* in conversation with God.
 - Sometimes ... an "*arrow prayer*"
 - Especially ... *when you don't feel like it*
 - Once in a while ... "*I won't let YOU go till You bless me!*" (Genesis 32:26)
3. "Give thanks" — *Press in to the will of God!*

OPEN DOORS...

- ✓ *New vistas* of prayer
- ✓ *Non-safe* prayers
- ✓ The prayer of great faith: *to ask one more time!*

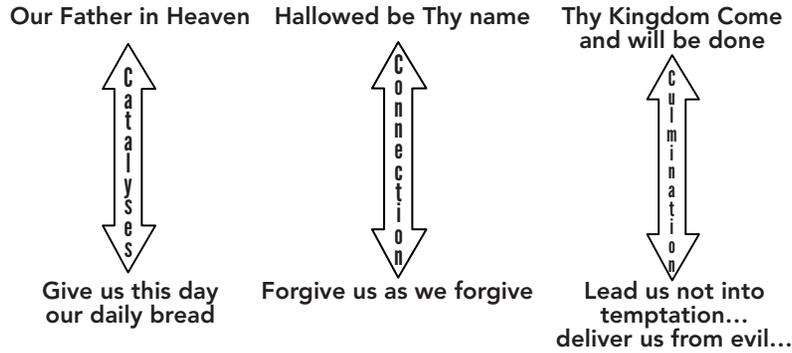
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Jesus, I *trust You*, here's *my life*, I'm IN with Your *people* and this *world-wide thing* You are doing!



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