## Father, Your Name





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LEAD-IN: "Our Father in heaven,

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## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Our Deepest Daily Need**

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When I was younger, prayer was primarily telling God what I wanted. These opening petitions of the Lord's Prayer were only an obligation. If reminded of them, I would force myself to think of a few things for which to thank God, then I'd hurry into my concerns. "God, I need this, and this...and I need them RIGHT NOW!" My prayers were driven by the same self-centered anxiety that ruled my life.

But as I've gotten older, I've begun to realize that my daily needs come and go. God always meets them, one way or another. He is so faithful! What I really need is to start each and every day with God's perspective. I need to realign my heart and mind with His purposes. I need to recenter myself on Him. The pressures of the day so easily knock me out of focus. The Lord's Prayer provides a daily refocus, a tune-up, a renewed hope and vision. It's like a morning shower, natural and refreshing.

God's great blessing is not giving us what we want, catering to our selfishness, ignorance, and short-sightedness. His blessing is to help us want only what He wants, knowing that He will gladly give it. That is the secret of prayer. He doesn't so much change reality to fit our desires. He changes our desires to fit His reality. He nurtures within us a hunger for His glory, His Kingdom, and His will.

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