

"Our Father IN HEAVEN..." **Matthew 6:9**

While "Our Father" is meant to teach us the heart of the One to whom we pray, "in heaven" is meant to focus the follower of Christ on our Father's position. Revelation 21 speaks of what heaven is like. The walls of heaven are twenty stories tall and made of jasper (v. 18). They stand firm on twelve foundations and each of these foundations is made with precious gems (v. 19-20). Each wall has three gates, and each gate is cut from a single pearl (v. 10-14, 21). The gate never shuts; you are always safe in heaven (v. 25-27). There are no sorrows, no sobs from death or pain (v. 3-4). The streets are made from pure, transparent gold and the glory of our Father reflects off it so there is no darkness, only day (v. 23). Are you overwhelmed with His greatness? Does His power seem unimaginable?

Our good Father, who is in heaven, wants everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, to spend eternity with Him in heaven (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

Philippians 3:18-21 (HCSB)

¹⁸For I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. They are focused on earthly things, ²⁰but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.

Pray this with the body...

Be specific and speak praises to the Lord and thank Him for what we will one day experience in heaven. Praise our Heavenly Father for the truth that this world is temporary and that our home is with Him.

Confess before your Heavenly Father where your life has been focused on "earthly things." In what areas do you more resemble an enemy of the cross than a citizen of heaven? Ask your Father to forgive you and trust Him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

Ask the Father to teach us at Grove to wait EAGERLY AND ACTIVELY for our Savior. Pray that the Lord would grow our affections and hope in what we will experience, and not what is on earth.

Ask the Father to cultivate His heart in our own to desire everyone to know the truth of His love in Jesus. Start now and pray by name for one or two people you know. Pray for them daily over the remainder of these 10 weeks.

