

“THE LORD’S PRAYER: PRAYER OF CONNECTION”

Introduction: Seven profound statements

1. Prayer of Connection
2. Prayer of Surrender
3. Prayer of Dependence
4. Prayer of Cleansing
5. Prayer of Release
6. Prayer of Security
7. Prayer of Fulfillment

II Chronicles 15:2-5 (NLT) “Listen, all you people... The Lord will stay with you as long as you stay with Him! If you seek Him, you will find Him. But if you abandon Him, He will abandon you.... Whenever they were in trouble and turned to the Lord... they found Him.”

- The answer to Israel's problems was to _____ with God.

Matthew 6:9 (NIV) “This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”

- God is a P _____, not just a P _____.
- God is F _____, not just a F _____.

 1. Un _____ fathers
 2. Un _____ fathers
 3. Un _____ fathers

THREE BIBLICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD THE FATHER

1. GOD IS A C _____ FATHER

Psalms 103:13 (NIV) “As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him..”

- Life's most important question: Don't You _____?

I Peter 5:7 (NIV) “Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!”

- Anything worth worrying about is worth _____.
- Worry is a _____!
- The reason you worry: not that you don't love God enough but that you _____ how much He loves you.

2. GOD IS A C _____ FATHER

James 1:17 (NIV) “Every good and perfect gift.. is from the Father... who does not change like shifting shadows.”

- Human fathers are often _____.
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- Our Heavenly Father never has a _____ day!

Romans 11:29 (LB) "...God will never go back on His promises."

- The greatest cause of rebellion in children: _____.
- God the Father gives us more than we deserve: _____.

3. GOD IS A C _____ FATHER

Acts 17:27 (NIV) "God did this so people would reach out for Him and find Him, since He is not far from each of us."

- God is never _____.

Psalms 145:18 (NIV) "The Lord is near to all who call on Him.."

- God loves to _____.

Matthew 7:11 (NIV) "If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!"

CONCLUSION: Is God everybody's Father?

I Timothy 2: 5-6 (LB) "God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus Himself man, is between them, to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind."

- Man's relationship with God is broken by _____.
- God becomes your Father through faith in _____.