

He had never acquired any learning in his youth, and knew only his prayers, which he devoutly said many times a day, particularly that prayer which Jesus Christ Himself taught His Apostles when He said to them: "Thus, therefore, shall you pray: Our Father Who art in Heaven." And during the time that the religious were in church singing the psalms of the Holy Office, he recited over and over again this beautiful prayer.

But as time went on, on seeing that all the brethren of that holy house were more learned than himself, he became discouraged. Satan tempted him with the thought that this abode of peace was not the place in which God desired him to dwell, and he made up his mind to return to the world, and work out his salvation in a more obscure and humble life.

As these thoughts were passing through his mind, God vouchsafed to grant him a vision for his own consolation and our instruction. He saw standing before him a venerable man, whose countenance was full of sweetness, and encouraging; it was St. Benedict himself. He held in his hand a garment of the greatest beauty, richly embroidered with gold, and adorned with the most precious gems, which were arranged in such a manner as to form the two first words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father."

The holy old man gazed upon the robe with inexpressible admiration; such magnificence he had never seen before; but he was surprised that no other words were to be found upon it but only the two first words of his beloved prayer, "Our Father."

The holy patriarch, seeming to divine his thoughts, said to him: "My son, it will be your work to finish this robe which you are preparing for yourself by reciting so often the Our Father with devotion.

Do not go away from this house; it is the

place in which God desires you to remain. Continue till the day of your death to repeat that same prayer, which is the best of all prayers, then this garment will be completed, and you shall be vested in it at the gate of Paradise, and wear it throughout all eternity as a testimony of your love for your Heavenly Father."

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Great Love of Our Father

God Created Us:

GOD is our Father and we are His children, because He created us and made us what we are. His Kingdom in Heaven will be also our Kingdom, if we live in this world as His children ought to live in deed and in truth. This is what you should always keep in mind when you say the "Our Father."

Our Father By Adoption:

God is our Father, not only because He created us, but because He has adopted us as His own children. By bestowing on you the Sacrament of Baptism, He has made you His own child, and heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. "He hath not done in like manner to every nation," says holy David in the Scriptures, "and His judgments He hath not made manifest to them." How grateful, therefore, you should be to Him, for this great mark of His love for you!

Our Father Watches Over Us:

My dear friend in Christ, it would be impossible to number the favors our Heavenly Father has bestowed on us His adopted children. He does not, indeed, grant to all of us the same favors, nor in the same degree,

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but He bestows on each of us what He considers best, and what He Himself chooses. It will only be in eternity that we will be able to understand all this.

God's Providence:

You often hear about the providence of God. This means that God has for each one of His children a **fatherly care**, and **watches over them with great love**. Everything that happens to us is for our good, although sometimes we may not perceive it. St. Paul says: "To those who love God all things are heaped together unto good."

God Consoles Us:

Our Heavenly Father gives His children when they are in this world consolations in their trials, to encourage them to bear them patiently; but it is when these trials are ended that He bestows on them the magnificent rewards He has prepared for them in His kingdom above, and which He has promised to give them if they persevere to the end.

All Are Our Brethren:

Since God is our Father, and we are all brethren, **we must pray not for ourselves only, but for all others, and love them** as we love ourselves.

Our Conduct as God's Children:

It is not sufficient for us to be children of God in name only; if we desire to enter Heaven, **we must, while in this world, lead the lives of those whom He has thus highly honored**, otherwise He will cast us away from Him forever in eternity.

The Catechism in Example by Rev. D. Chisholm

St. Paul the Apostle, in his letter to the Galatians, wrote: "For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus; for as many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ. You are all one in Christ Jesus."

Love for "Our Father" Who is in Heaven

"Our Father," He is the dearest of fathers: all-powerful in His creation, wonderful in the way He maintains the world, completely lovable in His divine Providence, all good and infinitely so in the Redemption. We have God for our Father, so we are all brothers, and heaven is our homeland and our heritage. This should be more than enough to teach us to love God and our neighbor, and to be detached from the things of this world.

Value of The "Our Father"

The Our Father or the Lord's Prayer derives its great value above all from its author, Who is neither a man nor an angel, but the King of angels and of men, our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Cyprian says it was necessary that He who came to give us the life of grace as our Savior should teach us the way to pray as our heavenly Master. The beautiful order, the tender forcefulness and the clarity of this divine prayer pay tribute to our divine Master's wisdom. It is a short prayer but can teach us so very much, and it is well within the grasp of uneducated people, while scholars find it a continual source of investigation into the mysteries of God.

A Perfect Prayer

The Our Father contains all the duties we owe to God, the acts of all the virtues and the petitions for all our spiritual and corporal needs. Tertullian says that the Our Father is a summary of the New Testament. Thomas a Kempis says that it surpasses all the desires of all the saints; that it is a condensation of all the beautiful sayings of all the psalms and canticles; that in it we ask God for everything that we need, that by it we praise Him in the very best way; that by it we lift up our souls from earth to heaven and unite them closely to God.

Jesus, Please Teach Me to Pray?

St. John Chrysostom says that we cannot be our Master's disciples unless we pray as He did and in the way that He showed us. Moreover, God the Father listens more willingly to the prayer that we have learned from His Son rather than those of our own making, which have all our human limitations.

Cause of Its Blessings

We should say the **Our Father** with the certitude that the **Eternal Father** will hear us because it is the prayer of His Son, Whom He always hears, and because we are His members. God will surely grant our petitions made through the Lord's Prayer because it is impossible to imagine that such a good Father could refuse a request "so imbedded" in the language of so worthy a Son, reinforced by His merits, and made at His behest.

Jesus' Compassion on our Frailty

St. Augustine assures us that whenever we say the Our Father devoutly our venial sins are forgiven. The just man falls seven times, and in the Lord's Prayer he will find seven petitions which will both help him to avoid lapses and protect him from his spiritual enemies. Our Lord, knowing how weak and helpless we are, and how many difficulties we endure, made his prayer short and easy to say, so that if we say it devoutly and often, we can be sure that God will quickly come to our aid.

Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis de Montfort

The Veteran Soldier and His Heavenly Father

The following legend is related on reliable authority, and shows the excellence of that prayer which Jesus Christ Himself has taught us.

An old soldier, renowned for his bravery on the battlefield, but not less so for his simple piety, desired to spend the evening of his days amongst the monks of **St. Benedict**.