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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:9KJV

A Daily Prayer

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Your glory rises above the heavens. Your kingdom is everlasting. Your dominion endures through all generations.

We come to you today thankful for the blessings of life and the simple things that we seem to overlook—things like the sounds of the day that bring us joy and reveal your peace. We thank you for the plants that grow around us, their colors that paint the earth, and their leaves that protect us and give life to the air. We thank you for the rain that makes them grow and restores life to the earth. We thank you for wildlife that brings us pleasure, nature that sustains our lives, and discoveries that have made life easier.

We thank you dear God for our families, for our friends, for the abundance of life we enjoy in the country you have blessed us to live in. Yet today carries into it illnesses that weaken us, broken relationships that divide us, and wars that place many in harm's way. Our needs exceed our abilities to meet them without your power to heal, love to bring us peace, and shelter to keep us safe.

So Loving God, even with all our human frailties, scars, and uncertainties, we come to you as newborn children. We ask you for healing of the diseases that reduce the quality of life we seek and threaten the breath of life you have so graciously given. We come to you to ask for peace in our war-torn world. We ask not only for the end of the wars that threaten the lives of so many, but also for a peace that can only come through your loving hands. Help us to release the pride that causes us to look to ourselves as the source of strength; and to rid ourselves of desires for possession, position, and power that have crept into our lives as the gods we worship in place of you.

Gracious God, we seek your forgiveness for the wrongs we have done to you and to our fellow man. We seek your help to release our resentments toward those who have hurt us and to seek forgiveness from those whose lives we have wounded by word or deed. Help restore broken relationships through a reconciliation that will help us love each other as you have called us all to do.

But most of all, Loving God, we seek to live our lives as you would have us live—to love you with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind; and, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to turn our lives toward Jesus the Christ, for only by facing toward him can our lives reflect the Savior.

*O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! In Jesus name we pray.
Amen*

You are the light of the world,

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