

Our Father Thou in Heaven Above

PRAYER

(also known as Our Father, Who from Heaven Above or Our Father in the Heaven Who Art)

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1. Our Fa - ther, Thou in heav'n a - bove, Who bid - dest us to dwell in love,
2. Thy name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pur - i - ty to keep Thy Word,
3. Thy king - dom come. Thine let it be In time and in e - ter - ni - ty.
4. Thy gra - cious will on earth be done As 'tis in heav'n be - fore Thy throne;
5. Give us this day our dai - ly bread And let us all be clothed and fed.

As bre - thren of one fa - mi - ly, To cry in ev - 'ry need to Thee,
That to the glo - ry of Thy Name We walk be - fore Thee free from blame.
Let Thy good Spir - it e'er be nigh Our hearts with gra - ces to sup - ply.
O - be - dience in our weal and woe And pa - tience in all grief be - stow.
From war and strife be our De - fense, From fa - mine and from pes - ti - lence,

Teach us no thought - less word to say, But from our in - most heart to pray.
Let no false doc - trine us per - vert; All poor, de - lu - ded souls con - vert.
Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre - serve Thy Church from age to age.
Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry ill That sets it - self a - gainst Thy will.
That we may live in god - ly peace, Free from all care and a - va - rice.

6. Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
Remove from us their burden sore,
As we their trespasses forgive
Who by offenses us do grieve.
Thus let us dwell in charity
And serve our brother willingly.

7. Into temptation lead us not.
When evil foes against us plot
And vex our souls on every hand,
Oh, give us strength that we may stand
Firm in the faith, a well-armed host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost!

8. From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to Thee in peace.

9. Amen, that is, So shall it be.
Confirm our faith and hope in Thee
That we may doubt not, but believe
What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Thy name and at Thy word
We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord! Amen.