



# Lord's Prayer (2): Hallowed be your name

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## Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 190. *What do we pray for in the first petition?*

A. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be thy name*), acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honour God aright, we pray, that God would by his grace enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem him, his titles, attributes, ordinances, word, works, and whatsoever he is pleased to make himself known by; and to glorify him in thought, word, and deed: that he would prevent and remove atheism, ignorance, idolatry, profaneness, and whatsoever is dishonourable to him; and, by his overruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to his own glory.

## 1. Hallowed = 'Holied'

'Hallowed' is hardly a word we use much anywhere else. What does it mean?

What (or who), in the last week, have you praised to other people? (friends, sportspeople, films, books...). Why did you do this?

When you got out of bed last Monday morning, what were the top 5 things you wanted to achieve last week?

Hallowed = honoured and glorified and revered as holy

**The first thing we are to pray for is that God's glory will come first.**

## 2. When we pray 'Hallowed be your name', what are we praying for?

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Does David pray for these things to be true? Should we?

So what are we praying for?

Revelation 15:4

i.e. for all peoples to praise, worship and serve the one true God, using all their lives, efforts and energies to honour and display his glory.

Sabbath-day worship

Six-day worship

Why are we to *pray* for this?

Who would you ask to...

Fix your car? Give an essay extension? Change the law?

Why are we asking *God* for God's name to be hallowed?

Ephesians 1:11-12

### 3. Who hallows God's name

Genesis 1:26; Psalm 99:1-5

Who should hallow God's name? What do you think this has to do with being his 'image'? (Hint: think of your own image in a mirror. What does it do to you?)

But we do not, in fact, hallow God's name.

Romans 3:10-12

Jesus: the Hallower!

John 8:49; 17:4

The true image of God

Colossians 1:15

Only in Jesus do we come to Hallow God's name again.

Glorifying God in Jesus and with Jesus      Philippians 2:9-11

The restored images of God      Col 3:1-2,10

### 4. So to pray 'Hallowed be your name' means...

#### a) Praying for the end of idolatry and atheism

And the defeat of all that dishonours God.

At Christ's return

Now, in the growth of the church

#### b) Praying for people to become Christians

As they come to Christ, bow before him and Hallow God in him and with him

#### c) Praying for the whole church to serve God to his glory

This is what the church is for! But she never does it perfectly – far from it

Praise, declare and live out God's glory      Psalm 96:1-3; 1 Peter 2:12

#### d) Praying for ourselves to live for God's glory

That we will hallow him in all we do

A question of priorities, love, devotion, purpose

What would you say:

*Real Christianity is first and foremost about how we love each other and care for the needy.*

*Real Christianity is first and foremost about how we accept everyone just as they are.*

*It's really sad when Christians just seem to want people to be converted.*

*I love going to church; it's so uplifting and makes me feel so great.*

*I can't stand going to church; it makes me feel so miserable.*

*I try to give three evenings of each week, and Sundays, to God.*

*I didn't get on with that church; they just didn't seem to want to use my gifts.*

*♪ I'm not scared to be seen, I make no apologies, this is me. ♪*