

Who is the God of Heaven?

Pray then like this, 'Our Father in heaven.'

MATTHEW 6:9

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To understand what Jesus means by “Our Father in heaven,”
we need to pause a moment
and recall who this God of heaven is—

He is the One Isaiah saw—
the Lord on a throne in heaven,
high and lifted up,
with seraphim crying,
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,”
as His glory filled the temple.
(Isa 6:1–4)

He is the One Stephen saw—
as the heavens opened,
and the Son of Man stood
at the right hand of God,
the Father receiving His servant home.
(Acts 7:55–56)

He is the One Daniel blessed,
the God who reveals mysteries from heaven
and rules over kingdoms.
(Daniel 2:19)

He is the One Nehemiah prayed to—
the great and awesome God in heaven
who keeps covenant and steadfast love.
(Nehemiah 1:4–5)

He is the One Abraham trusted—
the Lord who sent His angel from heaven
to guide his steps.
(Genesis 24:7)

He is the One Jonah feared—
the God of heaven
who made the sea and the dry land.
(Jonah 1:9)

He is the One who rules from heaven.
Who decides from heaven.
Who governs from heaven.
Who is above every kingdom,
ruler,
threat,
and power.

This is why Jesus adds the words “in heaven.”
Because heaven is God’s realm.
Heaven is God’s throne.
Heaven is the place where His will is done,
where His glory is seen,
where His authority is unquestioned,
and where His presence is unhindered.

Heaven is the home of the Father—
because it is the place
where His children belong,
His presence is unbroken,
and His welcome is sure.

And after all this,
we begin to understand why Jesus says,
“Our Father in heaven.”

Heaven is the place where God reigns,
where His will is unhindered,
where His glory is revealed,
and where His presence is unbroken.

To call Him “Our Father in heaven”
is to remember that the One who welcomes us
is also the One who rules over all.

You may not know this about Jesus:
the God who rules over all answers to “Our Father.”

Heaven is not far.

Heaven is not cold.

Heaven is not silent.

Heaven is the home of the Father
who welcomes us.