



MAY YOUR NAME BE SANCTIFIED

SO what is the first petition, the primary request we make of you, our heavenly Father? What do we want you to do for us above all other things? *Matt. 20:32.*

This is the first desire and prayer of our hearts: Father in heaven, let your name be glorified. Let it be treated as holy. Let it be sanctified. Be glorified as a holy God. Fulfil our desire to exalt you, the Lord our God, to worship at your footstool, and to meet with you at your holy hill. Let us praise your great and terrible name, for it is holy. As the High and Holy One, you live in the midst of the praises of Israel. *Rom. 10:1; Lev. 10:3; Psa. 99:3, 5, 9; 22:3.*

Let us glory in your holy name. Let our hearts rejoice because we have trusted in your holy name. Let us always give thanks and triumph in your praise. Enable us to glorify your name for evermore by praising you with all our hearts. Let us glorify you, our heavenly Father, by bringing forth much fruit. May we have the privilege of being your people, that we may promote your fame, your praise and your glory. As a people uniquely possessed by the Lord, let us show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Let it be clear to all that we are your children, the work of your hands, because we sanctify your name as the Holy One of Jacob. Let it be known that we fear the God of Israel, so we may be to the praise of your glory. *Psa. 105:3; 33:21; 106:47; 86:12; John 15:8; Jer. 13:11; 1 Pet. 2:9; Isa. 29:23; Eph. 1:12.*

Lord, cause strong nations to glorify you when they witness the way you help the poor and needy. Let the cities of brutal nations fear you when you devastate their royal palaces. Be magnified across all national borders when you frustrate the plans of the nations. Let them glorify you toward the east, and magnify you as the Lord God of Israel

among the western lands beyond the sea. Let all the nations you have made worship you and glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things. You are God alone. Let the peoples glorify you for your mercy. Let your name be known among all nations, and let them rejoice with your people. Let your name be magnified among all peoples. Let all the ends of the earth remember your deliverance of the needy so that they will turn to you. Let all the families of the nations worship you. Let them declare your righteousness to a people yet to be born. *Isa. 25:2-4; Mal. 1:5; Isa. 24:15; Psa. 86:9, 10; Rom. 15:9, 10; Mal. 1:11; Psa. 22:26, 27, 31.*

As we have received a gift to serve others, enable us to fulfil our ministry as good stewards of your manifold grace. In all things may you be glorified through Jesus Christ. If we suffer, let us suffer as Christians, glorifying you even in our suffering. Fulfil our earnest expectation and hope, which is that Jesus Christ may always be magnified in our bodies, whether by life or by death. Lord, order all things to your own glory as King of the nations and King of your people. Bring everything to pass according to the perfect design of your own will, that you may magnify yourself. May you be perceived in the eyes of many nations as Lord. Sanctify your great name which has been profaned among the nations. Let them know that you are the Lord when you sanctify your people before their eyes. *1 Pet. 4:10, 11, 16; Phil. 1:20; Jer. 10:7; Rev. 15:3; Eph. 1:11; Ezek. 38:23; 36:23.*

Lord, what will you do for your great name? For the sake of your name, pour out your Spirit on all flesh. Let the word of Christ dwell richly in the hearts of all who believe in you. Be exalted, O Lord, among the nations. Be exalted throughout the earth. Be exalted above the heavens. Be exalted by your own strength, so that we may sing and praise your power. Do great things with your glorious and everlasting arm to make a glorious and everlasting name

for yourself. Let the people magnify your name for ever, saying, 'The Lord of Hosts is the God of Israel, and a God to Israel.' *Josh. 7:9; Joel 2:28; Col. 3:16; Psa. 46:10; 57:11; 21:13; Isa. 63:12, 14; 1 Chron. 17:24.*

Father, glorify your own name. You have glorified it in the past. Now glorify it once more through the lifting up of your Son. Glorify your Son that your Son also may glorify you. Give him a name above every name, and in every place. In all things let him have the pre-eminence. *John 12:28, 29; 17:1; Phil. 2:9; Col. 1:18.*