

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FIRST PETITION

DEVOTION

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. (Psalm 103:1)

FOR SHARING

1. In what ways do people profane God's name?
2. God—and His name—are holy. We are sinful—unholy. How do we bring dishonor and disgrace to His holy name?
3. Describe how Jesus' sacrifice makes us "holy and blameless" in God's sight (Ephesians 1:4).
4. In what specific ways do God's people, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep God's name holy?

PRAYER

[Father,] Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Your Word That to the glory of Your name
We walk before You free from blame. Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.

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