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AS DEAR  
CHILDREN  
ASK THEIR DEAR  
FATHER...

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A Booklet of Prayers  
Based on Luther's Writings

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# MARTIN LUTHER'S COAT OF ARMS

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Your cross, O Christ, upon my heart  
Bespeaks the blessings you impart:  
Your cross did for my sins atone,  
And I am saved by faith alone.

A blooming flower, my life unfolds  
To celebrate the joy it holds:  
Sweet nectar from your bounty flows,  
O Christ, my messianic rose.

Encircled in a ring of gold,  
My heav'nly hope I now behold:  
Cross, heart, rose, and blue sky above  
Proclaim the wonders of your love.



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# MARTIN LUTHER'S PRAYER ABOUT PRAYING

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Dear Lord, you know that I do not appear before you of my own accord and out of personal presumption or because of any worthiness in me. For if I were to look at those things, I would not dare raise my eyes to you and would not know how to begin to pray. But I come because you yourself have bidden and earnestly requested us to call on you and have also promised us a hearing. Besides this, you have sent your own Son. Therefore I dare boast in your presence of being your child.



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# OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

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What a privilege you grant me, O God, that I may address you not by some awesome or frightening title like “Master” or “Sovereign,” but as “Father.”

By this name you assure me that, through faith in your dear Son Jesus Christ, I am truly your child—that you love me as much as you love him. In fact, you loved me so much that you gave him up to death that my sins might be forgiven and I might truly be your child. The love you have for me is like a parent’s love—complete, self-sacrificing, always giving, concerned for my welfare.

And my love for you? Help me always to remember that I am your dear child, and that you wish me to regard you as I would a dear parent.

And since you bid me to pray in the plural, “*Our* Father,” help me when I pray to remember my brothers and sisters in the faith, those who are as dear to you as I am, by your grace.

By your grace we shall all dwell in heaven together as your dear family. Help us to live together now as your family as well, here on earth.



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HALLOWED BE  
THY NAME

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What an honor you have given me, dear Father in heaven, by placing your name on me. Already in my Baptism you declared me to be a child of God, a member of your family through faith in Jesus Christ. You have made *my* name special in your sight.

Since your name is so very special—all by itself—help me not to take your name in vain, but to live up to it and honor it in everything I say or do. Please don't let anything I do tarnish your reputation. You deserve better than that.



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