On Earth as in Heaven: The Kingdom Prayer

How do I pray in a way that I experience heaven on earth?

1. Acknowledge that God is our perfect Father. (Matthew 6:9 NIV)

Our tendency is to become transactional rather than relational.

"The prayer of the heart is a prayer that directs itself to God from the center of the person and thus affects the whole of our humanness." – Henri Nouwen

2. Remember that God cannot be second. (Matthew 6:9 NIV)

"The one who prays like this is calling on the Father to be who he already is in a way that impacts our life and world."

- 3. <u>Invite God's will</u> to be done in my heart, home, and habits. (Matthew 6:10 NIV; Psalm 106:7-8, 13 GNT)
- 4. Recognize that God is my only provider. (Matthew 6:11 NIV)

Give us today the bread that doesn't run out.

- **5. Put reconciliation at the heart of each prayer.** (Matthew 6:12 NIV)
- 6. Ask God to guide my steps. (Matthew 6:13 NIV; 1 Cor. 10:13 NIV)