

## The 9 Prayers of Jesus

**Matthew 6:9-13.** Our Father...

**Matthew 11:25-26.** Blessed are you, Abba, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Abba, for this was your good pleasure.

**John 11:41-43.** "...Abba, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me...Lazarus, come out!"

**John 12:27-28.** "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Abba, save me from this hour' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Abba, glorify your name!"

**Mark 14:36.** "Abba, nothing is impossible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

**Luke 23:34.** "...Abba, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

**Mark 15:34.** "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Luke 23:46.** "...Abba, into your hands I commit my spirit."

**John 17:1-26.** "...My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Abba, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me..."

Andrew Murray - 1828-1917  
South African Dutch Reformed leader,  
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Murray was born in Cape Town, South Africa. Murray became a noted missionary leader. His father was a Scottish Presbyterian serving the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, and his mother had connections with both French Huguenots and German Lutherans. This background to some extent explains his ecumenical spirit. He was educated at Aberdeen University, Scotland, and at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. After ordination in 1848, he served pastorates at Bloemfontein, Worcester, Cape Town, and Wellington. He helped to found what are now the University College of the Free State and the Stellenbosch Seminary. He served as Moderator of the Cape Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church and was president of both the YMCA (1865) and the South Africa General Mission (1888-1917), now the Africa Evangelical Fellowship.

He was one of the chief promoters of the call to missions in South Africa. This led to the Dutch Reformed Church missions to blacks in the Transvaal and Malawi. Apart from his evangelistic tours in South Africa, he spoke at the Keswick and Northfield Conventions in 1899, making a great impression upon his British and American audiences. For his contribution to world missions he was given an honorary doctorate by the universities of Aberdeen (1898) and Cape of Good Hope (1907).

Murray is best known today for his devotional writings, which place great emphasis on the need for a rich, personal devotional life. Many of his 240 publications explain in how he saw this devotion and its outworking in the life of the Christian. Several of his books have become devotional classics. Among these are *Abide in Christ*, *Absolute Surrender*, *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, *The Spirit of Christ* and *Waiting on God*.