In Christ, God is our Father Matthew 6:9

"Our <u>Father</u>..."

This prayer comes to us from the _____ Mediator between God and man-therefore, let us seek to model all our prayer on what is here laid before us

The Son of God came so that He might make God ______ to us

For our prayers to be right/acceptable to God our _____ must be right/acceptable

First, in the ______ we are told that we are to approach the Father only by ______ in Christ

Second, in the _____ God is shown to be

Knowing God to be our Father brings with it great

Knowing God to be our Father also brings with it a correct understanding of His ______ over us

"<u>Our</u> Father..."

We are taught in the Lord's Prayer of the ______ of the body of Christ

Quotes:

No part of Scripture is so full, and so simple at the same time as this...It contains the germ of everything which the most advanced saint can desire: here is its fulness. The more we ponder every word it contains the more we shall feel 'this prayer is of God.'-Ryle

Throughout church history pastors and theologians have spoken of the Lord's Prayer as the 'sum of the Christian life.' Everything we need to live the Chrisitan life is embodied in the Prayer."-Johnson

"The new man, born again, and restored to His God by His grace, says first of all Father, because he now has begun to be a son...it is to those to whom remission of sins is granted that the name of sons is ascribed, and to them eternity is promised."-Cyprian

"It is God's will that He should always be seen as gentle, kind, tender, loving, and unchangeable. It is His will that we see Him as the Father, and the great fountain and reservoir of all grace and love. This is what Christ came to reveal. Christ came to reveal God as Father...Thinking much of the Father's love is a powerful motivator to holiness and leads the soul into holiness...Now there is nothing more grievous to the Lord, nothing that serves the purposes of Satan more than...when he can fill you heart with such hard thoughts of God. Satan's purpose from the beginning was to fill mankind with lies about God."-Owen

"Right at the beginning of the prayer, with the words, 'Our Father,' Jesus reminds us of what God demands and promises. God insists that we give Him the respect, honor, and reverence He deserves, just as earthly fathers expect this from their children. Also, God the Father wants us to trust that He will meet our needs. We are overjoyed to be His children through Christ. And so, because we trust that He will give us what He promised, we can pray to Him with confidence in the name of Christ our Lord."-Luther