

New City Catechism

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- What roles does He play in our lives? (*Father, King, Forgiver, Provider*)
- What should our focus be? (*His glory; that his rule, or kingdom would grow in our lives and this world*)
- How often are we to pray these things? (*daily*)
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