

YOU MEAN I'M NOT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE?



Infants take it for granted.

Spoiled brats drag it a step farther.

Adolescents do their best to keep the illusion alive.

But when we grow up it's time to face the shocking truth:

I am not the center of the universe.

Many people know this intellectually.

But in their hearts they cannot accept it.

Why shouldn't things go my way?

I'm a decent human being!

I have rights!

Every disappointment, every setback, every devastating blast that invades my "space," . is a sign pointing...

...to the One who is in fact.... the Center of the Universe:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

***Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90)***



Our Lord Jesus taught us a prayer that puts us in touch with the Center of the Universe, even while it helps us to assume our proper place on this troubled planet.

Pray it.

Live it.

And the Spirit of God will deliver you from all illusions.

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.....



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, Lord, we turn our hearts to you, the center of the universe, the creator, the eternal and infinite one. Help us to be still and focus all we have on your real, holy omnipresence. Help us to open this most wondrous gift, that you the everlasting one can be our dwelling place. Help us to let go of our self-focus, our finite concerns, thoughts and opinions. Help us to release them, to release the cares of this world, to release the cycle of bad news, to release concerns about the future...so that we can dwell with you, embrace you, hallow you, love you with all we have, and trust you with our finite, troubled lives and our finite troubled world. In the midst of our lives on this earth, may we continue to seek your kingdom and to bring your heavenly divine will into our own hearts and lives and into the lives around us. Amen.

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