



the history of the Doxology after the Our Father?

A doxology (Greek *doxologia*) is words of praise often at the end of a prayer. It is uncertain where the doxology at the end of the Our Father came from. Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer in Matthew and Luke (Mt 6:9, Luke 11:2). In Luke, he gave the disciples the prayer without the doxology; but in Matthew, to the crowds at the Sermon on the Mount, it is unclear whether he included the doxology because only some early Greek manuscripts have it there. Since textual evidence is split, it was later removed. We know that early Christians in the eastern half of the Roman Empire used the doxology when praying the Our Father at Mass. In 1970, Blessed Pope Paul VI added the doxology into the Roman Mass. *Want to know more? Our Adult Formation offerings cover this and much more!*