

CatClub:Question 41



This week we come to the last of four sessions on the very important topic of **prayer**.

1. Recap. Previously we learnt how God the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, helps us - and that one of the most important things he helps us with is prayer. We then learnt that prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in adoration (or 'praise'), confession of sin, thanksgiving and supplication (or 'petition') – which we can remember by the word **A-C-T-S**. The Catechism also taught us that we should pray with loving, thankful hearts, and that we should never give up – and that we are to pray in obedience to God's will for our lives, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers. Last week we discovered that the whole Bible directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us. This prayer is the subject of today's session.

Q41 now asks: What is The Lord's Prayer? **Answer (Jesus speaking):** **Pray then like this:** "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts (=sins), as we also have forgiven our debtors (=those who sin against us). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

2. Investigation - please look up:

(In the New Testament) Matthew chapter 6, verses 9-13, which is where the Lord's Prayer can be found. Note that the prayer is addressed to God the Father who dwells in the glory of heaven. He is our spiritual Father if we have faith in his Son, Jesus, and is to be honoured and praised at all times. We are also to pray for the expansion of his kingdom through the growth of the worldwide church and for God's will to be done here in the world as it is done in heaven. Then Jesus teaches us to ask for what we need each day and for forgiveness for all our sins in the same way that we are to forgive those who have wronged us. Finally, we are to pray for the power to resist the temptation to disobey God and to ask to be kept safe from all forms of evil.

>>>Next week's question: How is the Word of God (=the Bible) to be read and heard?

This week's songs, etc:

'The Lord's Prayer'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgOA3JYDWMs>

The Lord's Prayer said in Polish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTwXgdpGHX8>

The Lord's Prayer said in Spanish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djjbw5RVwZE>

The Lord's Prayer said in French

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTDtmLv1glo>

The Lord's Prayer (traditional version):

- ⁹ ...Our Father,
 who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
- ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done in earth,
 as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.
- ¹² And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those that trespass against us.
- ¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil:
 (For thine is the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
 Amen.)