

THE FOURTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER



THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



REVIEW: THE INTRODUCTION

- ❖ **Our Father who art in heaven**
- ❖ *What does this mean?*
- ❖ **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

REVIEW: THE FIRST PETITION

- ❖ **Hallowed be Your Name**
- ❖ *What does this mean?*
- ❖ **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**
- ❖ *How is God's name kept holy?*
- ❖ **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

REVIEW: THE SECOND PETITION

Thy Kingdom Come

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's Kingdom Come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

REVIEW: THE THIRD PETITION

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

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors and the like.**

DAILY BREAD

- ❖ Praying this means that we realize that our entire life and that of everyone else depends on God.
- ❖ When we feel self-reliant apart from God, we break the First Commandment.

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- ❖ Praying this petition means that we receive our blessings with thanksgiving.

DAILY BREAD

- ❖ The most important thing that God gives us is our life and salvation in Jesus Christ.

DAILY BREAD

- ❖ God provides for our needs through:
- ❖ Nature: He gives us plants and animals
- ❖ Gainful employment
- ❖ All of His gifts

DAILY BREAD

- ❖ God provides for those in need through us.
- ❖ By giving gifts of food, clothing, drink, money
- ❖ By visiting those who are alone: Hospitals, prisons, Shut Ins, others in need.

“THIS DAY...DAILY BREAD”

- ❖ These words teach us not to be greedy or wasteful or to worry about the future but to live content lives in the confidence that the Lord will give us what we need to support this body and life.
- ❖ This echoes Luther’s Meaning to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

We thank God for providing for us!

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CLOSING PRAYER

❖ Pray together:

Gracious Father, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living creature. Teach us to acknowledge You as the Lord who provides for all of our needs in body and soul and so give thanks to You for all of Your bountiful gifts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.