

# THE INTRODUCTION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# WHAT IS MEANT BY “FATHER”?

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- ❖ Creator of All Things
- ❖ Term of Endearment
- ❖ Displays the Relationship  
that we have with God

# WHY DO WE PRAY OUR FATHER INSTEAD OF MY FATHER?

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- ❖ Prayer of the Church into which we are Baptized

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT HE IS “IN HEAVEN”?

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- ❖ He is All Powerful
- ❖ He is All Present
- ❖ He is All Knowing
- ❖ He is all of these for Us.

# SOME EXAMPLES

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- ❖ Even if we have a bad image of our earthly fathers, our Heavenly Father is loving, good, benevolent, caring, merciful and many other things toward us.

- ❖ The Four Types of Prayer
- ❖ ACTS
- ❖ Adoration
- ❖ Confession
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Supplication



God hears and answers all of our Prayers.

# YES

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WHENEVER WE PRAY FOR GOD'S  
FORGIVENESS OR SALVATION HE  
ALWAYS SAYS YES.

# NO

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WHEN DAVID'S CHILD, CONCEIVED IN  
SIN WHEN HE WAS DYING, DAVID  
PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD SPARE HIM.

GOD SAID No.

## WAIT

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SOMETIMES GOD CALLS ON US TO  
WAIT UPON HIM FOR HIS  
ANSWER SO THAT WE WILL  
TRUST HIM MORE.



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# HOW DO YOU PRAY?

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- ❖ Prayer is Conversational
- ❖ Prayer can be written
- ❖ Prayer can be out loud
- ❖ Prayer can be silent

# WHEN DO YOU PRAY

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- ❖ The Bible teaches us to “pray without ceasing”
- ❖ We can pray at any time. The Lord always hears us.
- ❖ Special times: When you get up, Before Meals, Before Bed, at times of joy, at times of stress.

# SOME MEMORIZED PRAYERS

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- ❖ For meals: “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed.” (Common Table Prayer)
- ❖ “Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.”
- ❖ “We thank you Lord, for food and drink, through Jesus Christ. Amen.”

# MEMORIZED PRAYERS

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- ❖ *Luther's Morning Prayer:*
- ❖ *In the morning when you get up make the sign of the holy cross and say:*
- ❖ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. Into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me.

# MEMORIZED PRAYERS

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- ❖ *Luther's Evening Prayer*
- ❖ *In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the Holy Cross and say:*
- ❖ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# MEMORIZED PRAYERS

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- ❖ *Confession of Sin (From Psalm 51)*
  
- ❖ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

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