

THE THIRD 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!**

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.

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.**

CONFIRMATION

- ◆ Confirmation Rehearsal

GOD'S WILL

- ❖ 4 Things we discuss with God's Will:
- ❖ God's Revealed Will
- ❖ God's Hidden Will
- ❖ God's Active Will
- ❖ God's Passive Will

KINGDOM OF GOD

❖ God's Revealed Will:

❖ SCRIPTURES

GOD'S WILL

- ❖ God's Hidden Will:
- ❖ What God knows but does not reveal to us (e.g. the Last Day)

GOD'S WILL

- ❖ God's Active Will:
- ❖ What God actively does: Creates, Redeems, Forgives, Saves, Loves

GOD'S PASSIVE WILL

- ❖ Sometimes called God's PERMISSIVE will.
- ❖ Things that God allows but does not cause:
Suffering (result of sin), Sinners going to Hell
(that's on them- God desires all to be saved).

GOD'S WILL IN OUR LIVES

- ❖ When He breaks and hinders the plans of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which try to destroy our faith in Jesus
- ❖ When He strengthens us in His Word and faith
- ❖ When He supports us in our struggles until we die.

We pray that God's Will would be done in our lives!

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CLOSING PRAYER

❖ Pray together:

Merciful Father, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, we acknowledge that Your good and gracious will is done without our prayer. We pray that You would defeat all that opposes Your will: the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. In Your mercy we implore you to strengthen and keep us firm in Your Word and faith all the days of our lives and bring us at last the inheritance which You have prepared for us in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.