

Luther's Large Catechism
The Lord's Prayer
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1. (78) Why is it necessary for us to pray? What two truths about prayer does Jesus teach us here?
2. (79-80) What does Luther mean when he says, "the human heart indeed by nature...is always in flight from God?" What are we to do in response to this truth?
3. (80-81) What should I do if I start to think I am not good enough to pray?
4. (81-82) Which three promises does God attach to prayer?
5. (82) What is "earnestness" in prayer? Why does God require such a thing?
6. (83) In what sense does prayer protect our society from evil?
7. (84-85) Why does Luther say there was a "great need" for the First Petition in his day? Is this still true today? Why/why not?
8. (85-87) What two aspects of God's kingdom does the Second Petition address?
9. (87-89) What must those who "want to be Christian" expect on a daily basis? How does the Third Petition aid against these perils?
10. (89-92) Against whom is the Fourth Petition primarily directed? Why?
11. (92-93) For what three purposes do we pray the Fifth Petition?
12. (93-94) What is the relationship between the forgiveness we receive and the forgiveness we give to those who sin against us?
13. (94-96) What is the difference between "feeling a temptation" and "submitting to temptation?" What should this distinction lead us to do?
14. (96-97) Why do we add the word "Amen" to the end of a prayer?
15. Which part of the explanation of the Lord's Prayer surprised you the most? Why?