

## **The Catechism – the Lord’s Prayer**

### **How to pray the Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Dear God, our Father who art in heaven,**

Almighty Lord and God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of all of us! Listen to our prayer that we now bring before you in the name of your Son, who taught us to pray.

#### **Hallowed be thy name**

You are our God. Sacred, blessed and holy be your name. Lord, we pray: Let us always seek to respect and honor your holy name. Let us worship you in spirit and in truth and let our hearts spill over with love for you. Let your holy name be holy in our lives and let us not accept it when other people ridicule your holy name.

#### **Thy kingdom come,**

Father, you build your realm even now in your church. Let us experience this kingdom of yours in our midst. Grant us the fellowship with you and with each other in the way you desire it. You also promised us a future kingdom that we will inherit in the end of times. Let us be part of it then and let us rejoice in the amazing future too wonderful for words. ...

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

Father, sometimes we don’t understand the ways you lead us. Let us in all of our troubles always trust that you mean to do well. You do have the overview over all our lives and you already know the outcome of all events in the past, present and future. So we pray to you: May your will be done in our lives – for our salvation and for Your praise.

#### **Give us this day our daily bread;**

Creator and Sustainer, give everything we need in a healthy amount: Food, family, employment and leisure time. Grant us security at home and in our country, security in politics and in economy. Guard us from all excess and greed. Give us true faith so that we will not let any of your gifts stand in the way between You and us. Help us to share the gifts of money, time and strength that we have from you with those in need but offer all that in service to them and to you.

#### **and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

Merciful Father, forgive us all of our sin, through which we offended you and hurt our fellow citizens as well as ourselves. Forgive the neglect of prayer and the study of your Word. Forgive inconsiderable behavior or the refusal to help. Forgive the lack of love in our lives. We pray, Lord: Work in our conscience that we will also genuinely forgive those who did us wrong.

#### **and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Strengthen our faith so that we don’t sway in our trust in you and to become disloyal to you. Grant us strength to withstand the power of evil and all of Satan’s seductions – especially if they seem harmless. Lord of freedom, free us the works of the evil one who wants to enslave us.

#### **For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

For all that we ask you, good Father in heaven, and praise You, because You have prepared room for us in this time and in eternity. Yours is also the supremacy, before which all earthly power dwindle to nothing. And Yours is the magnificence, in which beaming light we will once see your gracious face.

#### **Amen.**

This is our devoted faith.