

8th Grade Confirmation Class 9
I GROW By Praying Jesus' Prayer - Lord's Prayer
St. John Lutheran Church - Palmer, Alaska

Opening of Class:

3:15-3:20

- Prayer - (Everyone bow their heads and say a silent prayer.)
- Handouts - PUT INTO NOTEBOOKS.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. What is one thing you can share you recently prayed for or about?
2. Yes No Do you ever have trouble praying.

II. Read 2 Bible Verses

Luke 11:1-10

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. "'

Matthew 6:9-14

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

3. What do you notice about these two verses?
4. What does this say about Jesus teaching his disciples to pray?

III. Let's look at our catechisms - what are some things Martin Luther says we pray for when we pray the Lord's prayer.

A. Introduction - WHO ARE WE PRAYING TO?

B. First Petition - HALLOWED BE THY NAME

What are we praying for?

C. Second Petition - THY KINGDOM COME

What are we praying for?

D. Third Petition - THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

What are we praying for?

E. Fourth Petition - GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

What are we praying for?

F. Fifth Petition - AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

What are we praying for?

G. Sixth Petition - AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

What are we praying for?

H. Seventh Petition - BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

What are we praying for?

I. Conclusion - FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

What are we praying for?

IV. Let's look at a responsive version of the Lord's prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(This explanation and paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, written by Dr. Martin Luther, is the result of his desire to instruct the people, and can also be an aid for preparation for the Lord's Supper.)

Pastor: We pray that God, our Father in heaven, would look with mercy on us, His needy children on earth, and would grant us grace, so that Holy Name may be hallowed among us and in all the world through the pure, upright teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives. We pray that He would graciously turn away all false doctrine and evil living, whereby His Holy name is blasphemed and disgraced.

(WAIT)

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Pastor: We also pray that God's kingdom would come and be enlarged and that He would bring all sinners, the deceived, and those imprisoned by the devil, to the knowledge of the true faith in Jesus Christ, His Son, and would increase the number of Christians.

(WAIT)

People: Thy kingdom come.

Pastor: We pray that we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do and bear His will, both in life and death, in good and evil, always breaking, sacrificing and slaying our own wills.

(WAIT)

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

Pastor: We pray that God would give us our daily bread, keep us from greed and gluttony, and cause us instead to look to him for enough of everything good.

(WAIT)

People: Give us this day our daily bread.

Pastor: We pray that God would forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors, so that our hearts have a calm and joyful conscience before Him, and we may never again fear or be frightened by any sin.

(WAIT)

People: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Pastor: We pray that God would not lead us into temptation, but would help us through His Spirit to subdue the flesh, despise the world with its ways, and overcome the devil and all his wiles.

(WAIT)

People: And lead us not into temptation.

Pastor: And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evil, both physical and spiritual, temporal and eternal.

(WAIT)

People: But deliver us from evil.

Pastor: Whoever earnestly desires all this, let him say, "Amen" from his heart, believing without any doubt that it is "Yes" and is heard in heaven, as Christ promises us: "Whatever you ask for, believe that you will have it, and it will happen."

(WAIT)

People: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

V. Let's pray the Lord's prayer, and pray each section and wait, before praying the next. During the wait, think of what we just prayed, and speak to God about it.

VI. REVIEW

A. LAST WEEK

Last week we studied about prayer. Check some of the reasons we read about for praying last week.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> God ANSWERS all prayers | <input type="checkbox"/> To show God how smart I am | <input type="checkbox"/> for healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God gives me everything I ask | <input type="checkbox"/> To get rich | <input type="checkbox"/> for leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus Prayed | <input type="checkbox"/> To Thank God | <input type="checkbox"/> in trouble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To Praise God | <input type="checkbox"/> To ADVISE God | <input type="checkbox"/> for healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> to kill my enemies | <input type="checkbox"/> for Church leaders | <input type="checkbox"/> For Candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For other Christians | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in doing God's will | <input type="checkbox"/> for enemies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For forgiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> all the time | <input type="checkbox"/> for drugs |

B. THIS WEEK.

QUESTIONS

5. A B C D How many petitions in the Lord's prayer ask for MATERIAL blessings, a) 1, b) 2, c) 3, d) 4
6. T F Jesus' disciples wanted and needed help in praying.
7. T F I always know what to pray for.
8. A B C D E When I pray for the Lord's prayer I am praying for a) others, b) myself, c) physical needs, d) Spiritual needs, e) everything I need.
9. T F I should never pray any prayer but the Lord's Prayer.
10. A B C D E A good time to pray the Lord's Prayer is a) when I'm having trouble praying, b) when I have a lot to pray about, c) when I am overwhelmed with life, d) with other Christians, e) all of the above.

Confirmations Skit
Lesson 9 (again) - Praying

Narrator: Four students are seated in chairs facing the front of science class. Mrs. Huffmeister dismisses the class for the next period but Jared does something strange. The teacher dismisses class, but Jared remains in his seat, eyes closed, hands in his lap, head down, seemingly oblivious to the rest of the world.

Mrs. Huffmeister: OK class, that's all our time for today. You understand what we were studying. You have your homework. If you have any questions I'll be in the classroom till 2:45 today. You may leave.

Narrator: Mrs. Huffmeister turns back to the white board. Everyone else is leaving, and Jenny notices Jared. She goes back.

Jenny: Jared. (No answer). Jared (louder). Jared (shaking him.)

Jared: O, sorry Jenny.

Sam: Hey, Jenny, what's taking you so long?

Jenny: I was waiting on Jared.

Jessica: Hey guys, we don't want to be late to math class.

Jenny: We're coming, I was waiting on Jared.

Narrator: As they walk out of class (toward the stairs) and into the next class (from the fellowship hall) they discuss things.

Jessica: So Jared, what took you so long.

Sam: Yeah, Jared. Were you in a trance?

Jenny: Guy, (pause) I think Jared was praying.

Jessica: So Jared, were you praying?

Sam: If so, what about?

Jared: Well, that lady who was hurt attends our church, and so does her mom. I was praying for them. And, I prayed for the guy that did it.

Sam: What? Why pray for him?

Jared: Jesus says to pray for our enemies, and (pause) we all need help.

Jenny: And we do pray in church for people to get well.

Jessica: But do they? Do they get well?

Jared: Some do. Sometimes people get better and the doctors don't understand. Other times, I think God just helps people as they are ill.

Sam: So, you think prayer really helps.

Jared: I know there are situations I'm not big enough to deal with.

Jenny: Me too.

Jared: And, if God can help in the big things, well, I need help with the little stuff too.

Sam: Yeah, I could use some help in math.

Jessica: Studying would help you, Sam.

Sam: But, even when I study, I have trouble.

Jenny: Hey guys, we're going to math class. Let's just go in to class, and each take time to pray for Sam and his math.

Sam: Gee, thanks guys.

Narrator: The students sit down, and each bows his head. Just before class starts, after the prayers, Jared talks to Sam.

Jared: Hey, Sam, I'm good at math. How about if I help you.

Sam: Really? Thanks, Sam.

Jenny: I think God already gave an answer to our prayer.