

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 45

Question 116. Why is prayer necessary for christians?

Answer. Because it is the chief part of [a] thankfulness which God requires of us: and also, because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who with sincere desires continually ask them of him, and [b] are thankful for them.

Question 117. What are the requisites of that prayer, which is acceptable to God, and which he will hear?

Answer. First, that we from the heart pray to the one true God only, who hath [c] manifested himself in his word, for all things, he hath commanded us to ask of him; [d] secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may [e] deeply humble ourselves in the presence of his divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that he, notwithstanding that we are [f] unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly [g] hear our prayer, as he has [h] promised us in his word.

Question 118. What hath God commanded us to ask of him?

Answer. All [i] things necessary for soul and body; which Christ our Lord has comprised in that prayer he himself [j] has taught us.

Question 119. What are the words of that prayer?

Answer. Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

[a]: Psa. 50:14,15

[b]: Mat. 7:7,8; Luke 11:9,13; Mat. 13:12; Psa. 50:15

[c]: John 4:22,23

[d]: Rom. 8:26; 1John 5:14

[e]: John 4:23,24; Psa. 145:18

[f]: 2Chron. 20:12

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[g]: Psa. 2:11; Psa. 34:18,19; Isa. 66:2

[h]: Rom. 10:13; Rom. 8:15,16; James 1:6ff; John 14:13; Dan. 9:17,18; Mat. 7:8;
Psa. 143:1

[i]: James 1:17; Mat. 6:33

[j]: Mat. 6:9ff; Luke 11:2ff

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 45:

Prayer : _____

Thankfulness : _____

Sincere desires : _____

Continually : _____

Requisites : _____

Humble : _____

Divine majesty : _____

Soul : _____

Name : _____

Body : _____

Our Father : _____

Hallowed : _____

Kingdom : _____

Daily bread : _____

Debts : _____

Debtors : _____

Temptation : _____

Power : _____

Name : _____

Glory : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Psa. 50:15

What is prayer? Who are we to pray to?

2. Luke 11:9,13; 1John 5:14

Does this mean that God will grant to you whatever you ask? What is acceptable to ask for in prayer?

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3. Dan. 9:17,18

How are we to approach God in prayer?
