

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 46

### Overview/Purpose

"The Lord's Prayer consists of three parts; a preface – petitions, and a conclusion.

The preface is contained in the words, *Our Father which art in heaven*. This again consists of two parts: a calling upon the true God contained in the words, *Our Father* and a description of the true God expressed by the words, *Who art in heaven*. Christ will have us to pray in this way because God desires to be called upon with due honor, which consists, 1. In true knowledge. 2. In confidence. 3. In obedience. *Obedience* comprehends true love, fear, hope, humility and patience."

"The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pg 626.

### Method

Following the Trivium, the grammar stage calls for rote memorization. Constant drilling and recitation is absolutely necessary and will require direct parental participation.

### Suggested Materials For Parents

See "The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pgs 626-629.

### Word Definitions

• Added	• Address	• Almighty power
• Ask	• Become	• Beginning
• Body	• Childlike	• Christ
• Commanded	• Confidence	• Deny
• Earthly conceptions	• Earthly things	• Excite
• Expect	• Father	• Form
• Foundation	• God	• God's heavenly majesty
• Heaven	• Him	• Immediately

• Less	• Might	• Much
• Namely	• Necessary	• Our Father
• Parents	• Prayer	• Refuse
• Reverence	• Soul	• Things
• True Faith	•	•

### **Suggested Activities**

- Review word definitions
- Memory game to review word definitions and catechism questions
- Spelling test using the words in this catechism lesson
- Memorize key bible verses
- Service projects to reinforce the lessons found in the catechism questions
  
- Many opportunities for creativity!

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Question 120. Why hath Christ commanded us to address God thus: "Our Father"?

**Answer.** That immediately, in the very beginning of our prayer, he might excite in us a childlike reverence for, and confidence in God, which are the foundation of our prayer: namely, that God is become our Father in Christ, [a] and will much less deny us what we ask of him in true faith, than our parents [b] will refuse us earthly things.

Question 121. Why is it here added, "Who art in heaven"?

**Answer.** Lest we should form any [c] earthly conceptions of God's heavenly majesty, and that we [d] may expect from his almighty power all things necessary for soul and body.

[a]: Mat. 6:9

[b]: Mat. 7:9,10,11; Luke 11:11; Isa. 49:15

[c]: Jer. 23:24

[d]: Acts 17:24; Rom. 10:12