

Sola Confirmation Series: The Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer Study Sheet - Test Date: _____

PART A: CATECHISM

For the test, you will be asked to write out the Lord's Prayer entirely from memory. There will be no hints or blanks to fill in, just an empty lined space for you to write the entire prayer. Be as precise as you can. Since the Lord's Prayer is something you should know perfectly by now, you will be marked down for every incorrect word.

The Lord's Prayer

practice here:

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

As a way of studying for the test, you should read through and review Martin Luther's explanation of the Lord's Prayer in the Small Catechism. However, you will only be asked to *memorize* Luther's explanation to the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer, as printed below (also found on p.17 of the pocket catechism).

On the test you will be given a "fill-in-the-blank" text like the one below (*note: the blanks on the actual test itself will be different from those printed here*).

The Introduction

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are truly his children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father.

What does this mean?

God _____ us to _____ that he is _____ our _____, and that _____ are _____ his _____, so we may _____ and _____ pray to _____, just as _____ children _____ to their dear _____.

PART B: MEMORY SYMBOLS

Studying the memory symbols from the workbook will help you remember the basic themes and ideas from this unit. They are summarized below, along with the definitions to the key words from each session:

PRAYER = to call upon, or make a request to God

Like the open mouths of baby birds, we lift up our hands to God in prayer, trusting in our Father to hear us.



TRESPASSES = when we "cross the line" into sin

We ask God for forgiveness for times when we step over the line; just as we also forgive others their trespasses.



HALLOWED = to be kept holy, to be honored

As ambassadors for Christ, we carry his holy name into the world in faithfulness to God's Word.



TEMPTATION = to face a time of trial and testing

Times of trial can both test and tempt us; we pray that God would give us the strength to trust and do his will.



KINGDOM = rule, reign, or governance

Picture the living crown of God's kingdom growing out of his Word, daily giving us life in faith.



DELIVERANCE = to rescue and save from harm

By the power of God's Word, Jesus has come to deliver us from our captivity to sin and evil.



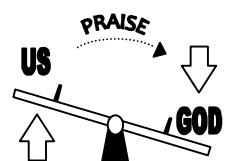
WILL = what you want, intend, or desire

We are the clay in God's hands; we ask him to mold and shape us according to His will.



DOXOLOGY = words of praise and worship to God

When we sing our doxologies to God, we give God all the praise and credit for the good we experience.



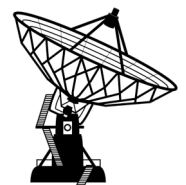
DEPENDENCE = the need to rely on something

The bread basket that God provides holds enough for one day. That means we must depend on the Lord daily.



DEVOTION = faithful affection and dedication

Our devotion to God is simply a response to his devotion to us; our faith rests in the promise of his Word.



PART C: VOCABULARY & QUESTIONS FROM THE UNIT

For the test, you will need to know the meaning of some important words and ideas (theme words, topics from the Small Catechism and the Bible, etc.). Questions will be asked as matching, fill-in-the-blank, true/false, multiple choice, etc:

1) Remember some of the things that Jesus taught us about prayer in the Bible:

- Like a loving parent, God gives good things to his children. (Matt. 7:9-11)
- Prayer is our chance to ask God for what we need. (Matt. 7:7-8)
- In prayer, we should ask for God's will to be done. (Mark 14:35-36)
- We should pray for both our friends and our enemies. (Matt. 5:43-45)
- When we pray, God always hears our prayers. (John 11:41-42)
- We should not lose heart, but continue to pray always. (Luke 18:1-8)
- Prayer is not something we do to show-off to others. (Matt. 6:5-6)
- God is not impressed by long or fancy prayers. (Matt. 6:7-8)
- We should not brag about ourselves in prayer. (Luke 18:9-14)

2) Thinking of the ADTRC Prayer form that we have practiced in Confirmation, what are the five basic parts usually found in a prayer? (Note: be prepared to give a "real prayer" example of each.)

Address, Description, Thanks, Request, Conclusion

3) In the Lord's Prayer, what does the word "daily bread" refer to?

Daily bread includes everything required to meet our earthly needs, such as food, drink, clothing, home, property, employment, necessities; devout parents, children, and communities; honest and faithful authorities, good government, seasonable weather, peace, health, an orderly society, a good reputation, true friends and neighbors, and the like.

4) What are we asking when we pray for God to *forgive* our sins?

We are asking him to not hold our sins against us. To be forgiven does not mean that the wrong we did was okay. By asking forgiveness we are acknowledging that real sin took place. When God forgives us, it is not because we *deserve* to be forgiven. It is something that God does purely out of his love for us.

5) What is a "petition" in a prayer? How many petitions are in the Lord's Prayer?

A petition is a *request* made as part of a prayer; there are seven petitions (requests) in the Lord's Prayer

6) What's the difference between acting *contrary to* and acting *in accordance with* God's Word:

- Contrary to = when we act in ways that go against or contradict God's Word
- In accordance with = when our actions are in harmony with, and match what God's Word teaches

7) How would you define what God's *grace* is?

Grace is God's generous action of love for us that we do not earn or deserve (use this memory tool: G.R.A.C.E. = Gifts we Receive And Cannot Earn)

8) Why does God want us to pray? Where (or to what) can we go to hear God speaking to us?

When you have a good relationship with someone, you *want* to communicate and keep in touch. We get to talk to God in prayer. When we read and listen to the Bible, we are hearing God's Word for us.

9) Why do we call Jesus our Savior? What evils has Jesus "delivered" us from?

Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we would be delivered (rescued) from sin, death, and the power of the devil. We rely on his power and promise to save us, *not* on our own strength and goodness.

10) False Statements

- False God likes to tempt people to sin, because wants them to fail
- False We deserve God's grace, because we are all basically good people
- False The Lord's Prayer was the only prayer that Jesus ever prayed
- False God doesn't really listen to or answer our prayers; he has too much to do
- False Forgiveness is when we tell people it is okay for them to do wrong; God doesn't care
- False God's kingdom and rule will not come unless we pray for it
- False God will never do anything for us unless we specifically pray for it

11) True Statements

- True Prayer is the means by which we communicate with God
- True Jesus originally taught the Lord's Prayer to his disciples
- True God wants us to look to him and call upon him as a loving Father
- True Parables are "teaching stories;" Jesus often used parables
- True The Bible says that we who are Christians are "Ambassadors for Christ"
- True God's kingdom comes when he gives us his Holy Spirit and we believe his Word
- True When Jesus talks about the "kingdom of God," he is describing what faith is like in our lives
- True Our human will is not free: "we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves"
- True There is no doubt that God is going to win the final victory over the devil
- True Because God forgives us, we should also forgive others
- True God is active and is doing things in the world right now
- True It is the Holy Spirit that gives us true faith in God
- True God wants us to live in accordance with His Word
- True Jesus told us that we should pray to God and ask for what we need
- True The Bible refers to the devil as "the Tempter" and "the Evil One"
- True "Thine is the Kingdom" is an old-fashioned way of saying "the Kingdom belongs to you (God)"
- True Being in God's kingdom means we trust and believe in God: God is our King!
- True The Hebrew word "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord"
- True Daily Devotions are what we call the time set aside each day for reading the Bible and Prayer
- True Amen is a way of saying "Yes, I agree" or "Yes, it shall be so"
- True To "affirm" our Baptism, means we are saying "yes" to the promises of God
- True Amen is the last word in the Bible

Be prepared to answer these questions in your own words:

- 12) Why is it that when we pray for something, it doesn't always happen the way we might want it to? Would you say prayer is more like "making a wish" or "asking for a favor"? What's the difference between the two?
- 13) Think of three stories from the Bible, where a person prayed to God and God answered that person's prayer. What was the need? How did God respond to that need?