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Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church Confirmation

Lord's Prayer: Introduction and the First Petition

After completing the lesson, the student will be able to:

- Write out from memory the Introduction, and summarize what it means.
- Describe why the title “Father” is appropriate for God.
- Describe why the Introduction is addressed to “Our Father” and not “My Father.”
- Write out from memory the First Petition, and summarize what it means and how this is done.
- List several ways in which God’s name is made ‘hallow’.
- List several ways in which God’s name is profaned.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Now we turn our attention to a specific prayer—the Lord’s Prayer. It has been referred to as the Perfect or Model prayer as well as the Disciples Prayer. Why do you think that is? If you answered it is because it was the prayer Jesus taught His own disciples, you are correct! Further, in **Luke 11:1-4** we find that this is the model for prayer that Jesus taught at the request of His disciples. The example of Jesus is always one we should follow

It is common to divide this prayer into an introduction, 7 petitions (sections or segments), and a conclusion. It is significant that the first set of petitions deal with God, and the second set of petitions deal with man—surely indicating the place God is to have in our lives and in our prayers.

Introduction	Our Father, who art in heaven.
First Petition	Hallowed be Thy Name.
Second Petition	Thy kingdom come.
Third Petition	Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Fourth Petition	Give us this day our daily bread.
Fifth Petition	And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Sixth Petition	And lead us not into temptation
Seventh Petition	But deliver us from evil.
Conclusion	For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE INTRODUCTION

1. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the Lord's Prayer Introduction. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the Introduction of the Lord's Prayer?

What does this mean?

2. Is the term “Father” an appropriate one for God? Look at the following Scriptures as you answer.

Matthew 5:16;

Luke 11:11-13;

Galatians 4:6;

3. If God is our Father, what does that make us? Who can confidently call God their Father? Read the following passages as you answer.

John 1:12-13;

2 Corinthians 6:18;

Galatians 3:26;

It is important to know that only children of God can rightly call God their Father. We become God's children through an adoption process—a spiritual one though, and not one of flesh or of the body. This adoption begins when we are born again, receiving Jesus as our Savior and our Lord. With this adoption comes a unique and special fellowship with other believers.

4. What does the Bible say about this unique and special fellowship with other believers and with God? Please summarize what the following verses tell us.

Matthew 12:46-50;

Luke 8:21;

Philemon 1:15-16;

5. Also, it is good to recognize that the introduction is addressed to “Our” Father and not “My Father”. Why do you suppose this is? (see your Catechism, p. 105)

THE FIRST PETITION

6. Use your catechism to write in the following information about the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Please copy it word for word below.

What is the First Petition?

What does this mean?

How is this done?

7. How do we “hallow” God’s name? Read the following passages as you answer.

Psalm 72:19;

Matthew 5:16;

Hebrews 2:12;

8. How do we profane God’s name? See what these passages say.

Deuteronomy 5:11;

Matthew 10:32-33; (this passage contains both an example of hallowing God’s name and of profaning it)

Romans 2:23-24;

STUDENT & PARENT QUESTION: *for the student and a parent to discuss and answer together*
In this lesson, we discussed how God is our Father. Discuss together why some people might struggle with calling God “Father”? Write your answer below.

STUDENT & PARENT SIGNATURE:

By signing below, we affirm (1) this lesson is complete and that (2) we completed the “Student & Parent Questions” section together

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____