

Matthew 6:7-9

Pray Like This

From you lips ...

I. The Mystery of Prayer

- A. Our Need
- B. God's Welcome
- C. Free Access
- D. Unceasing Opportunities

II. The Mastery of Prayer

- A. A Lifelong Endeavor
- B. Discipline of Devotion
- C. Prompts

III. The Ministry of Prayer

- A. God's Work
- B. Our Privilege

... to God's ear.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is prayer?
2. Why is it important to pray?
3. All believers can pray, but is it always easy to pray? Why or why not?
4. What helps you to pray?
5. Do you know the Lord's Prayer by heart?

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Lord's Day 45

Q 116. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Q 117. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God,

revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it,

God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Q 118. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Q 119. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father Which 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 forever.

Amen