

The Privilege of Prayer
Revelation 5:8

When you pray ...

I. Communion with Our Creator

- A. Lost
- B. Regained

II. The "Secret" of Access

- A. Simply Come
- B. Into God's Presence
- C. In Jesus' Name
- D. In the Spirit
- E. Believing

III. A Child's Delight

- A. Duty
- B. Dependency
- C. Delight

... He hears you.

Children, listen ...

1. What is prayer? (Q. 105)
2. Is there anything about prayer that amazes you?
3. What does it mean to you that in Jesus you can come to God as your heavenly Father?
4. In whose name should we pray? (Q. 106)
5. Do you make sure you speak to God in prayer every day?

Heidelberg Catechism

45. Lord's Day

Question 116. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

Answer: Because it is the chief part of 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 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 has manifested himself in his word, for all things, he has commanded us to ask of him; secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may deeply humble ourselves in the presence of his divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that he, notwithstanding that we are unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as he has promised us in his word.