

THE FIFTH PETITION

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor on their account deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it. But we pray that He would give us everything by grace, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment; and we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.....Psalm 130

There is forgiveness with God

Monday.....Matthew 9:1-8

Jesus forgives sins

Tuesday.....Matthew 6:14-15

Forgive those who sin against you

Wednesday.....Matthew 18:20-21

How many times do I forgive my brother?

Thursday.....Matthew 18:23-35

Parable of the unforgiving servant

Friday.....Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph forgives his brothers

Saturday.....Luke 23:34

Father, forgive them

THE SIXTH PETITION

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God certainly tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our own flesh may not deceive us nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome and retain the victory.

Sixth Sunday in Lent.....Genesis 3:1-15

Temptation of Adam and Eve

Monday.....Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation of Jesus

Tuesday.....Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16

Jesus helps those who are tempted

Wednesday.....1 Corinthians 10:12-13

God helps you escape temptation

Thursday.....Matthew 26:40-41

Watch and Pray

THE SEVENTH PETITION

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul, property and honor; and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Good Friday.....1 John 3:8

Jesus came to destroy the devil's work

Holy Saturday.....Colossians 1:13-15

Triumph on the Cross

THE CONCLUSION

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

What does "Amen" mean?

Amen means that we should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen: that is, Yes, Yes, it shall be so.

Easter Sunday.....1 Corinthians 15:54-57

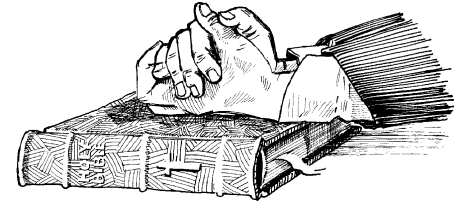
Victory over death

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son!

Endless is the victory

Thou o'er death hast won! (ELH 73)

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND HIS PASSION: Daily Bible Readings for Lent



THE INTRODUCTION

Our Father, Who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him with all boldness and confidence, as children ask their dear father.

Ash Wednesday.....John 16:23

Whatever you ask the Father

Thursday.....1 John 3:1

We are children of God

Friday.....Galatians 3:26

Sons of God through faith

Saturday.....Romans 8:15

We pray, "Abba, Father"

THE FIRST PETITION

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also.

How is God's name hallowed?

God's name is kept holy when His Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God live holy lives according to it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven! But he who teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches dishonors God's name among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father!

First Sunday in Lent.....Exodus 3:1-15
What is Your name?
 Monday.....Isaiah 42:8
That is My name
 Tuesday.....Matthew 7:21-23
Misuse of God's name
 Wednesday.....John 12:28
Glorify Your name
 Thursday.....John 20:30-31
Life in His name
 Friday.....Acts 4:12
No other name
 Saturday.....Philippians 2:5-11
At the name of Jesus

THE SECOND PETITION

Thy Kingdom come.
What does this mean?
 The kingdom of God certainly comes of itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
How does God's kingdom come?
 The kingdom of God comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Second Sunday in Lent.....John 18:36
Not an earthly kingdom
 Monday.....Luke 17:20-21
Not a visible kingdom
 Tuesday.....Romans 14:17
What the kingdom consists of
 Wednesday.....John 3:3-5
Born again to see the kingdom
 Thursday.....Matthew 13:24-52
What the kingdom of heaven is like
 Friday.....Luke 23:42
Remember me in Your kingdom
 Saturday.....Revelation 11:5
Jesus' eternal and heavenly kingdom

THE THIRD PETITION

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
What does this mean?
 The good and gracious will of God is certainly done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.
How is God's will done?
 God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow His name nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until our end. This is His good and gracious will.

Third Sunday in Lent.....John 4:34
Jesus' food is to do the Father's will
 Monday.....Hebrews 10:7-9
Jesus came to do the Father's will
 Tuesday.....Matthew 26:29
Not My will but Thine
 Wednesday.....1 Timothy 2:4
God's will is for all to be saved
 Thursday.....John 6:40
The Father's will is for all to believe in the Son
 Friday.....1 Thessalonians 4:3
God wills our sanctification
 Saturday.....Philippians 2:13
God works in us to desire and do His will



THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.
What does this mean?
 God certainly gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to acknowledge this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
What is meant by daily bread?
 Daily bread includes everything needed for this life, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, God-fearing spouse and children, faithful servants and rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.....Psalm 145:15-16
God provides daily bread
 Monday.....Proverbs 30:8-9
Only my daily bread
 Tuesday.....Exodus 16:1-15
Bread from Heaven
 Wednesday.....John 6:1-15
Jesus feeds the 5,000
 Thursday.....John 6:27-29
Don't work for food that spoils
 Friday.....John 6:32-40
Jesus is the Bread of Life
 Saturday.....John 6:53-58
Jesus' flesh is food indeed

