

The Sermon on the Mount 09 – The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9-15

Luke 11:2-4

the “Didache” – *The Lord’s Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations*

Structure

- Introduction
- Seven Petitions
- Conclusion (Doxology)

Introduction – “Our Father, who art in heaven.”

Colossians 1:13-14

2 Peter 3:9

James 1:17

First Petition – “Hallowed by Thy name.”

Exodus 20:3

Exodus 23:13

Jeremiah 1:16

Second Petition – “Thy kingdom come.”

Psalms 110:1

Philippians 2:9-11

Third Petition – “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Fourth Petition – “Give us this day our daily bread.”

1 Timothy 6:7 -8

4:11-12

Hebrews 13:5

Fifth Petition – “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

1. Our need for forgiveness

“According to Luther, being put to death by the law and raised by the gospel is not a onetime occurrence within the world this side of eternity. On the contrary, it provides the rhythm of the entire Christian life... Christian, Luther in his catechism affirms that baptism signifies “that the old creature in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily contrition and repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

(from *The Genius of Luther’s Theology*, Robert Kolb and Charles P. Arand)

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2. Our responsibility to forgive others

Matthew 18:21-35
2 Peter 1:5-9

Sixth Petition – “And lead us not into temptation.”

James 1:13-14
Psalm 23
“Amazing Grace”

Seventh Petition – “But deliver us from evil.”

“A Mighty Fortress”

Conclusion – “For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Doxology mirrors God’s work in human history

The Lord’s Prayer as a model for our prayers

- all prayer should be oriented to God
- ask for God to meet our daily needs for living (and be grateful)
- live in a constant state of baptismal renewal
- acknowledge that we are engaged in spiritual warfare on a daily basis
- our citizenship is in heaven

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Here are a few questions to consider for next week:

1. What would you call the “treasure” in your life? What evidence is there for this?
2. How does this treasure express itself in your life?
3. It has been said that you can determine someone’s treasure by looking at their checkbook and their schedule book; what do these tell about you?
4. What are some ways we can store up treasures in heaven?
5. What is the relationship between faith and worry?
6. What worries you about the future? What gives you hope?

For further study of the *Didache*:

<https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/study/module/didache>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/didache.html>

<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0714.htm>

<https://www.ancient.eu/Didache/>

<https://aleteia.org/2020/07/05/what-is-the-didache-and-why-is-it-important/>