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HOME TALK Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

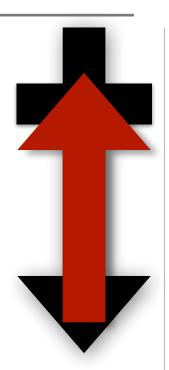
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done without our prayer, but we pray this petition that it may also be done among us.

How is this done?

The good and gracious will of God is done when God destroys and brings to nothing every evil counsel and purpose of Satan, the world, and our own human nature, which would hinder us from hallowing His name and prevent the coming of His Kingdom, and when He strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith, even to the end.



302 When is the will of God done among us?

God's will is done among us. His church, when we love God and love others, as He loves us. John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



303 What enemies seek to prevent the will of God from being done?

Satan, the world, and our own human nature seek to prevent God's will from being done.

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version