

Building Faith on a Solid Rock

Memory Work – Year 3

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Memorize Martin Luther's Explanations to Petitions #3-5)

The Third Petition

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us.

The Fourth Petition

Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

The Fifth Petition

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would have us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.