

Building Faith on a Solid Rock

Memory Work – Year 3

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Memorize Martin Luther’s Explanations to the Introduction, and Petitions #1 and 2)

Introduction

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God wants to attract us, so that we come to believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

It is true that God’s name is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that it may also become holy in and among us.

The Second Petition

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

In fact, God’s kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.