

# Lord's Prayer

## Second Petition Your Kingdom Come

**Read Psalm 66:1-7, Psalm 110, Isaiah 40:1-5, Matthew 13**

For a more in depth look at the Catechism, you can read Luther's explanation in the Large Catechism found in the Book of Concord or online at

<http://www.bookofconcord.org/lc-5-ourfather.php>

1. Watch the video and discuss how it is we are praying against ourselves in this petition. Have you ever thought of prayer as praying against yourself?
2. Think about the word "kingdom." What are some ways you would define or describe a kingdom? List some of the good things you think of and some of the negative things you think of when you think about being part of a kingdom.
3. Now think about the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God? Is it a physical place, something else?
4. In his explanation to this article, Luther wrote that "God's kingdom comes without our prayer, and yet we pray here that it comes to us." Talk about what Luther meant with that statement. As you talk about this, think about what the kingdom of God is, and why Jesus would tell us to pray for God's kingdom to come to us.
5. How is it God's kingdom comes? Do we do anything to bring God's kingdom? Another way of thinking about this is to think about who is the "actor" in bringing God's kingdom, and who is passive?