

The Lord's Prayer

Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven

Read Luke 11:1, 9-13 Matthew 6:8, Romans 8:26 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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. Are you comfortable praying out loud in front of other people? Talk about your response to that question. What makes people nervous or uncomfortable about praying?
2. In which Commandment is God commanding us to pray? Does that make it easier or harder for you when you think about praying?
3. Does knowing Jesus gave us the words to the Lord's Prayer affect the way you feel about praying it?
4. Talk about some of the ways we describe a father. Now talk about what it means when we pray to God the Father. If you want, watch the video again and listen for the difference between fathers here on earth and God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth. Talk about the difference between the two.
5. How is praying the Lord's Prayer "sending it to the right address"? In other words, how is praying the Lord's Prayer fulfilling the First Commandment?