

Theology Simply Explained — CC107 “How Jesus Taught Us to Pray”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 107—especially explaining how Jesus gave us a form of prayer to teach us prayer as worship of God and fellowship with Father in the Son by the Spirit.

Q107. What has Christ given us to teach us how to pray? ***The Lord's Prayer.***

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Sophia Your catechism question this week is what has Christ given us to teach us how to pray. And the answer is the Lord's Prayer. For the Lord's Prayer. Is a name that we give. To a prayer that is in the gospels twice. Once in Luke, where the disciples ask him, how to pray And once in Matthew, Where Jesus is correcting different sorts of false religion.

Among the Israelites at the time. And he teaches them how to pray. In a way that is not so that others will think highly of them so that they have the reward. But he teaches them how to pray in the secret place of their heart. Between them and the Lord.

In a way that Takes into account that they are dealing with a God. Who knows what we need before we ask And therefore, When we pray to him, we should pray to him for the things like you have already told us in a previous catechism. Question. That he has promised to give.

And so we pray for what he has promised to give and we come to him in Christ's own name. But we don't know how to pray. We do not know how to pray, according to what he has promised to give. We do not know how to pray in a way that comes to him through the Sun and therefore, Comes to him.

As father. So, he teaches us. How to come to him. As our father who already knows what we need. And many generations, many centuries of Christians in many different languages. Have each in their own language referred to what we call the Lord's Prayer as the Our Father, because that's how it begins.

And so, as you think about the Lord's Prayer and that'll be the next set of questions in your catechism. What you'll be thinking about is how to come to God through Christ. And how to ask for things that are according to his word. Since he already knows what we need.

He's already told us. In large measure and the big things? What he's going to do. And we can trust him that in the small details of every day of our life. He is keeping those promises. And so, How to pray to a father. Who already knows what we need.

How to have fellowship with him in prayer. How to have our hearts and Minds conformed to his in prayer. How to pray knowing that he loves to hear the voice of his child and to do the good things he already planned to do. In response to the voice of his child.

How to pray in a way that honors and worships him, not only as the almighty God, but as the wise God and the good God and our very own God. And so, he has given us a form of prayer that we Call the Lord's Prayer. For all of those reasons to help us.

Learn how to pray.