

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

Worshipping Sundays 9 am and 3 pm, 2553 Binbrook Rd E

The Lord's Prayer By Tim and Elly Hutten

Last month, Faith Talk concluded with Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

One important aspect of walking humbly with God is prayer. Through prayer we may speak to God. Jesus taught us how to do this in a well-known prayer, namely:

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

The first half of the Lord's Prayer, our focus this month, is about God and His Kingdom.

Many people, at some point in time, pray to God, but only those who love God may call Him "our Father in Heaven." His Fatherly love is manifested in His sending of Christ to save us from our sins. He, however, remains almighty and far above us, so He is not our Daddy, but our Father in Heaven.

The first petition, "Hallowed, or Holy, be Your name" is a confession in which we ask to know God, and we work to keep His name holy.

"Your Kingdom Come" requests the Lord to guide us with His word and Spirit so we can and will walk humbly with Him. We may look forward to the end of time when He will return.

"Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven" is the third petition. In it we ask for strength to deny our selfish will in order to do God's will, shown to us in His word.

When we keep the name of the Lord holy, we acknowledge Him as King. We live to do His will, which He has taught us in the Bible. It is a high calling to walk humbly with God.

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