

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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The Lord's Prayer

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We live in a time of political unrest. In the news we see and hear about the possibility of war. In situations like these some feel the need for prayer. Many people also pray in case of sickness, death or other difficult situations. The requests for good health, safety and other things which concern our daily lives are subjects that may and should be included in prayer. Jesus Himself taught us to pray for these in the second part of the Lord's Prayer. God cares about those who want to serve Him and He concerns Himself with their well-being.

Last month when we considered the first part of the Lords Prayer, we learned to pray that we may acknowledge God as King over all the earth and live to do His will as taught in His Word. Once we understand the first part of the Lord's Prayer, we may continue to humbly pray for our daily needs, "give us this day our daily bread". By doing so we acknowledge that all things come from our Heavenly Father. Even world events are under His care and guidance. Jesus has taught us to think of the well-being of those far away, as well as those who live close to us.

"Forgive us our debts" is a humble confession of our own sinfulness and inability to do anything about it. As a result we may, in faith, look to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who has already paid the price for sin. Christ's forgiveness should cause us to show mercy and forgiveness to others.

Since the "evil one" is always trying to tempt those who love the Lord, we should ask God for strength to resist the devil when he tries to lead us away from the Lord, and for courage to walk away from temptation.

The prayer concludes by praising God. He has all power and deserves our praise and thanks.

The word, 'Amen' expresses the assurance that those who pray to God, in the way He taught, will be heard.

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