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## Confirmation Independent Study/Make-up Lesson

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### Lord's Prayer: The Father's Forgiveness & Deliverance

1. Review:

TRUE or FALSE Worrying is really just another way of praying because God knows what we are thinking and automatically translates it into a prayer.

TRUE or FALSE You can pray the Lord's Prayer without being grateful to God.

TRUE or FALSE God's will for our lives will not happen for us if we are unwilling to have it happen.

2. Read what follows from Luther's Small Catechism and answer the questions below:

#### The Fourth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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a. What do we deserve from God? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What motivates us to forgive and do good to those who sin against us? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Below list reasons why it is hard to forgive, or why someone might not want to forgive:

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4. Read 1 Peter 2:20-25.

a. How did Jesus respond when people mocked and insulted him? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Did Jesus have good reasons *not* to forgive those who wronged him? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Who did Jesus entrust himself to? \_\_\_\_\_

d. For what purpose did Jesus bear our sins in his body while on the cross (v. 24)? \_\_\_\_\_

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e. How can Jesus be an example for you when you have been wronged for no reason? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Read John 2:24.

a. Who did Jesus *not* entrust himself to? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Consider the difference between *forgiving* someone and *trusting* them again:

- Which one is earned? \_\_\_\_\_ Which is not? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which involves forgetting? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which does not? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read Matthew 6:14-15.

a. In your own words, write out what Jesus is saying here: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. If your heavenly Father will not forgive those who don't forgive others, does this make him seem any less merciful or forgiving? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Do you ever have a hard time forgiving yourself? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what would God your Father say about that? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Which do you think comes first: God's forgiveness of us, or our forgiveness of others? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Read Romans 12:19-21.

a. According to the Word of God, who is the only one who has the authority and right to take vengeance? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Have you ever wanted to get revenge? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. If you don't take revenge, and give the problem to God, what do you think will actually happen? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Read Ephesians 4:26, 31-32.

a. How does your mind and body feel when you are angry? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. How do you usually act when you get angry? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Read Matthew 18:15-17.

a. What does Jesus say to do when somebody sins against you? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Would that be hard or easy for you? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. For you, what is the hardest thing about asking for forgiveness from another human being?

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11. Make a list of everyone whom you need to forgive:

*(It is okay to do this on another piece of paper, to protect the reputation of people. But please at least report how many names appear on your list: There are \_\_\_\_\_ (number of) people I need to forgive.)*

12. For each person on the list, tell God what that person did, how it affected you, and say that because you trust Him you are letting go of the anger, giving the hurt to him, and forgiving the one(s) who wronged you.

### The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

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- a. According to the explanation about "deliverance from evil," what is the final solution or final deliverance from evil? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Read Matthew 12:22-29.

- a. What problems did the demon cause for the man who was possessed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. When Jesus cast out the demon and healed the man, the Pharisees accused Jesus of getting his power from Beelzebub the prince of demons. What other names do we use for this "prince of demons"? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What did Jesus say about the source of his power? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Read Matthew 13:40-43.

- a. When will God deal with the problem of evil? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Describe how someone can be confident they will be included with the righteous ones who shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father (if you need help see Philippians 3:9): \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Read John 8:44.

- a. What are the two main descriptions Jesus' gives about the devil?
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Which do you think is more true of Satan:
- his lies have no truth whatsoever, or
  - his lies have some truth but mix it with some falsehood.
  - his lies have a lot of truth but twist it.

c. Why is a lie more effective when it includes some truth? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. In 2009 a survey was taken of people who described themselves as Christian. More than half of them agreed that "Satan is not a living being but is a symbol of evil." Based on what you just read, would Jesus agree that Satan is just a symbol of evil who does not actually exist as a living being? \_\_\_\_\_

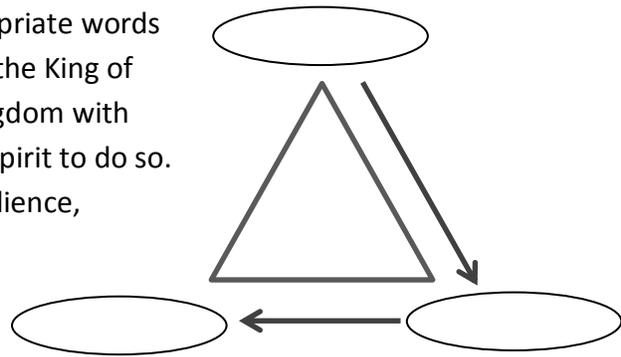
17. Read James 4:7. What will happen if you submit yourself to God and resist the devil? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Read Luke 10: 19-20.

In the diagram to the right, write the appropriate words in the circles to illustrate how Christ Jesus, the King of the universe, authorizes us to share his Kingdom with others and gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to do so.

[Choose from these words: Authority, Obedience, Father, Power, Identity, King]



19. Read Revelation 12:7-12

a. What nickname is given to the devil in verse 10 (it is actually the meaning of his name, "Satan")?

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b. What two things enable a person to overcome the devil?

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[2] \_\_\_\_\_

c. What is the devil's state of mind now that Christ has been seated at the right hand of God and given all authority (v. 12)? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Read Colossians 2:13-15

- a. When and how did you go from being spiritually dead and unfit to being made alive with Christ?

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- b. What did God take away or cancel that thereby "disarmed" the evil powers?

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- c. By what means did God disarm the evil powers?

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