

THY WILL BE DONE

“Go down, My Son,” the Father said,

“To free My children from their dread of death and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, but in Your death they all can share the joy of Your salvation!”

“Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I bear what You command Me;

My will conforms to Your decree, I risk what You have asked Me.”

O wondrous Love, what have you done?

The Father offers up His Son, **the Son, content, agreeing!**

O Love, how strong You are to save, to put God’s Son into His grave, all people thereby freeing!

~Paul Gerhardt; translation by Henry L. Lettermann



First, “Thy name, Thy kingdom, Thy will;”
then, “Give us, Forgive us, Lead us, Deliver us.”
The lesson is of more importance than we think.
In true worship the Father must be first, must be all.

~Andrew Murray

Praying the Lord’s Prayer forces us to look for things to thank and praise God for in our dark times, and it presses us to repent and seek forgiveness during times of prosperity and success.

It disciplines us to bring every part of our lives to God.

~Timothy Keller, 20th century theologian

The Lord’s Prayer may be committed to memory quickly,
but it is slowly learned by heart.

~Frederick Denison Maurice, 19th century theologian

I am well aware that I do not rightly know the Lord’s Prayer, old and experienced doctor that I am! Like a babe I daily draw milk from the Lord’s Prayer, and cannot get enough of it. The Lord’s Prayer binds the people together, so that each prays with and for the other.

~Martin Luther



This year, using our theme: *Praying with an Open Heart*, we will spend Lent evening services studying God’s gift of the best prayer outline, *The Lord’s Prayer*. Each week, concluding with Easter Sunday, we will focus on a petition of the prayer. May this time of study and rededication be a blessing to us as we make the Lent journey to its destination: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

Holy Week Worship

- ◆ Palm Sunday | March 29, 8 & 10:45am
- ◆ Maundy Thursday | April 2, 7pm
- ◆ Good Friday Tre-Ore | April 3, 12-3pm
- ◆ Good Friday Tenebrae | April 3, 7pm
- ◆ Easter Sunrise | April 5, 6:30am
- ◆ Resurrection of Our Lord | April 5, 8 & 10:45am

Lent Wednesday Schedule

- ◆ Soup Supper | 5:15pm
- ◆ Quiet Prayer | 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- ◆ Worship | 6:30pm,
with Children’s Chat



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THE PRAYER THAT NEVER FAILS

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Please enter quietly for worship and respect those who are praying.

QUIET PRAYER

This is quiet time for us to spend with our church Family and our Lord.

If you wish, you may:

- take a prayer request paper as you enter the sanctuary
- fill it out with your request(s)
- fold and place in the baskets on the altar, at the foot of the cross

This prayer basket will be lifted up during the worship prayer time.

INVOCATION, OPENING SENTENCES *Pastor Stoltenow Matt. 28:19; Ps. 19:14*

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS *with Luther’s Evening Prayer*

P: We pray together:

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 766:1-4 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40:1 & 6-8

I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me; I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

John 6:40

Jesus said, “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

6:30 PM

March 8, 2026

Lent Wednesday 4

Matthew 26:39

Going a little farther Jesus fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

Matthew 6:9a, 10b & c

Pray then like this: “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

P: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S CHAT *Sina Williams*

CATECHISM LEARNING

P: We pray in the Lord’s Prayer, “Thy will be done.” God’s good and gracious will is done without our prayer, but we pray that it may be done among us also. What is God’s will?

C: **God’s will is that all people come to know Him as their Father and live under the gracious rule of His Son.**

ALL: **“God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”** (1 Timothy 2:4)

P: What is God’s will for your life in particular?

C: **God wants me to remain His child through faith in His Son. He wants me to live according to His Word so that I am a witness to Christ. And He wants me to resist the devil and all that would prevent me from these things.**

P: Be assured; Christ has already defeated Satan by means of His life, death, and resurrection. And God restrains Satan and strengthens us with His Word as we strive to follow His will and endure sufferings that will come.

ALL: **“The Lord is faithful. He will give you strength and guard you against the evil one.”** (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

P: None of us can avoid sin completely and follow God’s will perfectly until we reach our heavenly home. How can we make God-pleasing decisions without worrying?

C: **God provides guidance in His Word, such as the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus. God has given me gifts, abilities, and the wisdom of others. I live each day in the forgiveness Jesus won for me. And I can pray for His blessing on my decisions, knowing that my God is a loving God who desires to bless me.**

ALL: **“We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.”** (Romans 8:28)

MESSAGE “Your Will be Done, on Earth as it is in Heaven” *Pastor Ben Oesch*

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VOLUNTARY *Abide with Me; Nearer, My God, to Thee*

violin: Quaid Barnthson, Ben Barstad, Samantha McMahon; viola: Patrick Barnthson



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Holy God, every good gift comes from Your gracious hand. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for Your goodness to us.

C: **Make of our lives a living sacrifice, that we may give witness to the world of the abundance of Your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen!**

PRAYERS

George Appleton; Matthew 11:28; Psalm 34:15; 1 Peter 3:12

P: Merciful Father, we implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant to me, O Lord, to worship You in spirit and in truth; to submit all my nature to You, that my conscience may be enlivened by Your holiness, my mind nourished by the truth, my imagination purified by Your beauty. Help me to open my heart to Your love and to surrender my will to Your purpose. So may I lift up my heart to You in selfless adoration and love. Through Jesus Christ my Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Father in heaven, we offer these prayers to You. Jesus promised, “Come to me with your burdens, and I will give you rest.” And we trust Your word that says, “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer.” As the Holy Spirit cries out to You on our behalf, hear and respond according to Your loving and gracious will.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: **OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

GOD’S WORD OF BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 877 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

☩ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ☩

The third petition of the Lord's Prayer is repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intention of letting anyone's will be done but their own.

~Aldous Huxley

It is not a question of whether God is willing to sanctify me; is it *my* will? Am I willing to let God do in me all that has been made possible by Christ’s work on the cross? Am I willing to let the life of Jesus be made known through me? The effect in me [should be] obedience and service and prayer—the outcome of speechless thanks and adoration for the marvelous gift of God’s Spirit at work in me because of the Atonement.

~Oswald Chambers