



Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition



Prayer: For Corporate Confession

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, and receive your forgiveness, and grow in the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.



Music: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (v. 1-2) [TLH #558, LW #484, LSB #883]



Vocabulary:

1. Trespass: A sin against God or against someone else or even ourselves.
2. Forgiven: To not be held guilty of doing wrong to anyone or anything. We are not held guilty because Christ was held guilty for us.
3. Consolation: A comfort given to someone when something terrible has happened to them.



Catechism Pages: LSC (blue) p. 188-190; (maroon) p. 193-195



Questions:

1. How would you describe a “sin?” Ask your Mentor how they describe “sin.”
2. Have you sinned today? How often do we sin? Why does God not want us to sin? What would happen to us if we had to pay back God for all of our sins?
3. Does God forgive our sins? Why does He forgive our sins? Does He just forget everything because He loves us so much?
4. Why should we forgive others? If we have been forgiven of everything because of Christ should we not forgive someone else when they sin just a few times against us? Can we forgive others even if they don't ask for our forgiveness?
5. Ask your Mentor when they recently forgave someone. Tell your Mentor when you recently forgave someone. Did either of you tell this person that you had forgiven them? How does forgiving someone else show them a picture of God's forgiveness to us?



Liturgy: Canonical Hours

Prime (7 am), Terce (9 am), Sext (Noon), and None (3 pm) are the historic prayer hours of the church. In the last two services Christians especially remembered Christ as He was crucified at noon and died at 3 pm on Good Friday.



Bible Study: Matthew 18:21-35

1. Why did Jesus say this parable? Are we just supposed to forgive someone 490 times (70 x 7)?
2. How much did the servant owe? How much is that in today's money? What did his master do for the servant after the servant begged him to be merciful?
3. What then did the servant do? How much did the second servant owe him? How much is that in today's money? What did this second servant ask of the first servant? How did the first servant respond? What did the master do when he found out about this unmerciful servant?
4. How much do we owe God? Is there anything we can ever do to pay back God for our debts? How much has God forgiven us? Does he continue to forgive us? According to the parable what would God do to us if we did not forgive someone here on Earth?



A Closer Look: Forgiveness

What are “repenting”, “asking for forgiveness”, and “forgiving someone” like? Is it just saying you are sorry, or continuing to do wrong, or stipulating they have to do something first? What should they be like?



Activity:

Forgiveness Circle
We Sin Daily (p. 46 EES)
Other



Music: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (v. 3-4)

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Prayer: Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.



Memory Work:

1. First 35 Old Testament books
2. Lord's Prayer 5th Petition and Explanation, LSC (blue) p. 188; (maroon) p. 193
3. Psalm 32:5