

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith

The Shorter Catechism (7.100-7.107)

Liturgist: What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

People: **The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father which art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.**

Liturgist: What do we pray for in the first petition?

People: **In the first petition, which is, "Hallowed be thy name," we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himself known, and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.**

Liturgist: What do we pray for in the third petition?

People: **In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.**

Liturgist: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

People: **In the fifth petition, which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are then rather encouraged to ask because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.**

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Liturgist: What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

People: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen," teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing Kingdom, power, and glory to him; and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, "Amen."