

179. **What is God's kingdom?**

The kingdom of God is the just and peaceful reign of Jesus Christ over all the world, especially in the lives of his faithful people, through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. (*Psalms 103:19; 145:11-13; Isaiah 11:1-9; Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 1:9-14*)

180. **When you pray for God's kingdom to come, what are you asking?**

I pray that the whole creation may be renewed and restored under its rightful Lord, now in part and fully in the age to come. (*Psalms 72; Daniel 7:27; Mark 14:25; Romans 8:19-25; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 11:15-18; 21:5*)

181. **How does God's kingdom come?**

God's kingdom is announced to the people of Israel, arrives in Jesus Christ, and advances through the Church's mission. It will appear in its fullness once Christ returns in glory. (*Psalms 102:12-22; Daniel 2:31-45; Matthew 10:5-8; Mark 4:26-32; Acts 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28*)

182. **How do you live in God's kingdom?**

As a citizen of God's kingdom, I am called to live in obedience to God's Word and will, in loving witness and service to others, and in joyful hope of Christ's return. (*Psalms 15; Ezekiel 37:20-28; Mark 4:1-25; Romans 14:17; Philippians 3:17-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12*)

THE THIRD PETITION: "THY  
WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH  
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

183. **What is the third petition?**

The third petition is "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."  
(*Matthew 6:10*)

**184. What is God's will?**

God's will is to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus Christ and to establish his kingdom on the earth. His will is revealed in the whole of Scripture and especially in Jesus Christ, whom I am called to serve and imitate with my whole life. (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 119:1-16, 104-5; Proverbs 4:1-9; Matthew 22:36-40; John 6:39-40; Romans 8:28-30; 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19*)

**185. What do you pray for as you seek God's will?**

I pray for God to break the dominion of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to establish justice and thwart the plans of the wicked; to strengthen and direct his Church; and to extend the kingdom of his grace. (*Psalm 10:17-18; Matthew 16:17-18; Luke 18:7-8; Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-4*)

**186. How can you do God's will?**

I can walk in God's will by loving him and my neighbor, and by taking my part in the Church's mission to extend his kingdom in the world. (*Deuteronomy 30:11-16; Psalm 15; Micah 6:8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:28-34; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 John 2:15-17*)

**187. Why do you pray, "on earth as it is in heaven"?**

In heaven, God's Name is perfectly hallowed, and his will is perfectly obeyed and fulfilled. I pray for his kingdom to be established fully and his will to be accomplished on earth, that his Name may be perfectly hallowed in all creation. (*Psalm 103:19-22; Isaiah 11:1-9; Daniel 4:34-35; Ephesians 1:15-23; Revelation 4:8-11*)

THE FOURTH PETITION:  
“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD”

188. **What is the fourth petition?**

The fourth petition is “Give us this day our daily bread.” (*Matthew 6:11; see also Luke 11:3*)

189. **Having prayed first for God’s glory, kingdom, and will, what do you now pray?**

I pray for my needs and those of my brothers and sisters: for daily provision, pardon for sins, and protection from evil. (*Psalms 25:16–18; 34:8–10; 71; Lamentations 2:19; Matthew 7:7–11; Philippians 4:6*)

190. **What does “our daily bread” mean?**

Daily bread includes all that we need each day for our bodily provision and spiritual nourishment. (*Exodus 16:4; Psalm 105:39–42; Proverbs 30:7–9; John 6:1–14, 41–51; Philippians 4:19*)

191. **Why should you pray for daily bread?**

God calls me to trust him for the needs of each day, to be concerned for the needs of others, to be content with what I have, and to grow in gratitude for his provision. (*Exodus 16; Psalm 78:15–20; Matthew 6:25–34; James 4:2–3*)

192. **Why does God give you daily bread?**

God gives me daily bread because he is a good and loving Father, who gives good things to all his children, sustains us in life, and desires that we grow daily in his grace. (*Psalms 103:13–14; 104:27–30; Isaiah 40:11, 29–31; Matthew 7:9–11*)

THE FIFTH PETITION:  
“AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES”

193. **What is the fifth petition?**

The fifth petition is “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” (*Matthew 6:12; see also Luke 11:4*)

194. **What are trespasses?**

A “trespass” is a sin—a thought, word, or deed which offends God’s holy character and violates his Law, missing the mark of his will and expectations. (*Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 3:4*)

195. **Do you sin against God’s Law?**

Yes. I, together with all humankind, sin daily against God’s Law, in thought, word, and deed, both by what I do and by what I fail to do. (*Psalms 14:2–3; Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:9–18, 23; 1 John 1:8–10*)

196. **What is God’s forgiveness?**

God’s forgiveness is his merciful pardon of sin and removal of the guilt that results from our disobedience. (*Psalms 32:1–2; 51:1–17; Isaiah 1:18; 55:6–9; Jeremiah 33:7–9; Matthew 18:23–27; Colossians 2:13–14*)

197. **On what basis do you ask forgiveness?**

I ask God our loving Father to forgive me through his Son, Jesus Christ, who bore my sins upon the Cross, so that through faith and Baptism I can receive his righteousness. (*Isaiah 53:4–12; Daniel 9:16–19; Luke 18:9–14; Acts 2:38; 13:38–39; Romans 5:17; Hebrews 9:11–26*)

198. **Does God forgive your sins?**

Yes. In Christ, God freely forgives the sins of all, including me, who sincerely repent and in true faith turn to him. (*Leviticus 16:29-34; Psalm 103:8-14; Isaiah 55:6-9; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 6:14-15; Hebrews 10:11-18; 1 John 1:9-10*)

“AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO  
TRESPASS AGAINST US”

199. **Why should you forgive others?**

I should forgive others because, while I was still a sinner, God forgave me through Jesus Christ. Failing to forgive impedes God’s work in my life and gives opportunity to the evil one. (*Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 133; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 23:34; Ephesians 4:30-32; Colossians 3:12-13*)

200. **How do you forgive others?**

Forgiveness is a decision of my will and an attitude of my heart that seeks the good of my neighbor, and chooses not to hold against them the damage they have inflicted. I forgive whether they have asked for forgiveness or not. (*Exodus 23:4; Leviticus 19:17-18; Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 17:3-4; 23:34; Acts 7:60; Romans 12:14, 17-21; James 5:9; 1 Peter 3:9*)

201. **Will your forgiveness of others always result in reconciliation?**

No. Though my decision and desire to forgive may not result in my neighbor’s repentance or our reconciliation, I am still called to forgive. (*Matthew 18:15-35; Romans 12:17-21*)

THE SIXTH PETITION: “AND LEAD  
US NOT INTO TEMPTATION”

202. **What is the sixth petition?**

The sixth petition is “And lead us not into temptation.” (*Matthew 6:13; Luke 11:4*)