

5. Did JESUS mean you thus to pray for others? Yes, for HE taught us to say, 'OUR FATHER,' not 'MY FATHER.'
6. Of Whom besides HIS created and adopted children is GOD the FATHER? HE is for ever the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.
7. How should you behave to your FATHER in Heaven?

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (OCTOBER 24).

'The Petitions.'—*Heavenly and earthly things*.—2 Chron. i. 1-13; S. Matt. vi. 33; Hymns 281, 197.

A. The Petitions.

First. Their number—seven—the perfect number of the gifts of the SPIRIT (Rev. iv. 5), including—

Three—the number of GOD in Heaven (Rev. iv. 8).

[N.B. The first Petition refers to the FATHER, the second to the SON, the third to the HOLY GHOST.]

Four—the number of man on earth (Rev. iv. 6).

[N.B. There are four quarters of the earth, four winds which blow upon them, four Evangelists which spread the Gospel through them.]

Second. Their order: we ask for good things on behalf of GOD first, on behalf of ourselves afterwards.

B. This is the right order of prayer (see S. Matt. vi. 23), and was the principle of—

Solomon (2 Chron. i. 11, 12).

David (Psalm xxxviii. 25).

The Widow (1 Kings xvii. 13).

The Apostles (S. Mark x. 30).

C. Questions.

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| 1. What is a Petition? A request or prayer. | 5. How many for earthly goods? Four. |
| 2. To WHOM do we make our petitions? To our FATHER in Heaven. | 6. Which do we ask for <i>first</i> ? Heavenly good things. |
| 3. How many petitions do we make? Seven. | 7. Do you remember anyone who sought the interests of GOD before his own? |
| 4. How many for heavenly goods? Three. | |

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (OCTOBER 31).

'The first Petition.'—The Name of GOD.—Exod. iii. 1-16; Phil. ii. 10; Hymns 160, 179.

A. 'Hallowed'—i.e. 'Kept Holy.' And this must we do—

1. In our use of HIS WORD (Neh. viii. 5, 6).
2. In our behaviour to—
HIS HOUSE (S. Matt. xxi. 12, 13). HIS MINISTERS (2 Kings ii. 24). HIS SACRAMENTS (1 Cor. xi. 27).
3. In our prayers—
At Church (2 Chron. vii. 1-3). At home (Dan. vi. 10).

B. Exodus iii.

- Verse 1. Moses was the son-in-law of a priest, Jethro, as well as the brother of a priest, Aaron.
- 'The mount of GOD,' Horeb or Sinai, in Arabia, where the Law was afterwards given.
2. 'Angel of the Lord.'—Give the names of some of the angels, and tell me what they are and what they do.
 3. The 'Bush' was a kind of furze. This easily catches fire, and quickly burns away.
 5. Instead of taking off their hats, Jewish men to this day take off their shoes in their churches.
 6. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dead to men, but not to GOD (S. Mark xii. 26, 27).
 14. Notice the New Name of GOD.

C. Questions.

1. What is the first Petition we ask GOD about HIMSELF?—'Hallowed be THY Name.'
2. How is this explained in the Catechism?—'That we may worship HIM . . . as we ought to do.'
3. What is the first Name which GOD gave to HIMSELF?—'I AM THAT I AM.'
4. What does this mean?—That GOD is always the same, without beginning or end or change.
5. By what Name has our LORD taught us to call GOD?—The Name of THE FATHER, and of THE SON, and of THE HOLY GHOST.
6. What does S. Paul tell us about the Name of our Saviour?—That 'at the Name of JESUS every knee shall bow.'
7. How may you hallow the Name of GOD?