

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, (which is, *Our Father which art in heaven,*) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence,^z as children to a father,^a able and ready to help us;^b and that we should pray with and for others.^c

^z Isa. lxiv. 9. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

^a Luke xl. 13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

^b Rom. viii. 15. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

^c Eph. vi. 18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. 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 maketh himself known;^d and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.^e

^d Ps. lxxv. 1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us; V. 2. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. V. 3. Let the people praise thee, O God: Let all the people praise thee.

^e Rom. xi. 36. For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; To whom be glory forever. Amen.

Q. 102. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. In the second petition, (which is, *Thy Kingdom come,*) we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;^f and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,^g ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;^h and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.ⁱ

^f Ps. lxxviii. 1. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him, flee before him.

^g Ps. li. 18. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

^h 2 Thess. iii. 1. Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

Rom. x. 1. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.

ⁱ Rev. xxii. 20. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Q. 103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. 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,^k and submit to his will in all things,^l as the angels do in heaven.^m

^k Ps. cix. 34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my

whole heart. V. 35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight. V. 36. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies.

^l Acts xxi. 14. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

^m Ps. ciii. 20. Bless the Lord, O his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. V. 22. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread,*) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good gifts of this life,ⁿ and enjoy his blessing with them.^o

ⁿ Prov. xxx. 8. Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.

^o Ps. xc. 17. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. 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;^p which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.^q

^p Ps. li. 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

^q Matt. vi. 14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you.

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, (which is, *And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,*) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin,^r or support and deliver us when we are tempted.^s

^r Matt. xxvi. 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

Ps. xix. 13. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me.

^s Ps. li. 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. V. 12. Bestore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold with me thy free Spirit.

Q. 107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer, (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen,*) teacheth us, to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,^t and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him.^u And in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.^w