

The Commandments and The Lord's Prayer.

ARRANGED IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (OCTOBER 10).

'The Lord's Prayer.'—*How to Pray*.—S. Luke xi. 1-11; Genesis xviii. 27; Hymns 247, 26.

- A. 'The Lord's Prayer,' so called, not because THE LORD JESUS used it, for—
 1st. HE could not say 'OUR FATHER' with us (S. John xx. 17), since HE is the SON of GOD by Nature (S. John x. 30); we are only children of GOD by adoption (Rom. viii. 15).
 2nd. HE could not say 'Forgive us our trespasses,' since HE had no sins of HIS own (Heb. iv. 15), but—
 because THE LORD JESUS gave it to us—
 1. To use as the best of all prayers.
 2. To use as the model of all other prayers.
- B. Divisions of the LORD'S PRAYER.
 First. The Invocation or Address, calling upon GOD as 'OUR FATHER Which art in Heaven.'
 Second. The Petitions or Requests, seven in number, three asking for heavenly things on behalf of GOD, four asking for earthly things on behalf of man.
 Third. The Doxology, or Giving of Praise.
- C. Questions.
 1. Why is the LORD'S PRAYER so called? Because the LORD JESUS made it.
 2. Why did HE make it? To teach us to pray.
 3. How often is it used in Church? At every Service once or twice.
 4. Where else should we use it? Whenever we say our prayers, morning, evening, mid-day, and as often else as we like.
 5. What must we do besides say it? Understand and feel it.
 6. What else must every Christian learn by heart? The Creed and the Ten Commandments?
 7. What do these three teach us?
 The Creed teaches us our *Faith*—what to believe.
 The Commandments our *Duty*—what to do.
 The LORD'S PRAYER our *Devotions*—what to pray.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (OCTOBER 17).

'The Invocation'—*Our Father in Heaven*.—S. Luke ii. 40-52; Gal. iv. 6; Hymns 261, 240.

- A. Invocation of—
 GOD only (Ps. lxxv. 2), as—
 1. Father (Isaiah lxiii. 16).
 2. *Our Father* (Eph. iii. 14).
 3. In Heaven (Isaiah lxvi. 1).
 So learn to pray—
 1. Trustfully—to a Father.
 2. Lovingly—for our brothers and sisters.
 3. Humbly—towards Heaven.
- B. GOD is 'Our Father.'
 First. As our Creator (Malachi ii. 10).
 Second. As our Preserver (Acts xvii. 28).
 Third. As our Benefactor (S. Luke xi. 13).
 Fourth. As our Adopter (Gal. iii. 26, 27).
- C. Questions.
 1. What do you call GOD in the LORD'S PRAYER? 'OUR FATHER Which art in Heaven.'
 2. Why do you call HIM FATHER? To show HE is *willing* to give all good things.
 3. And why do you add 'Which art in Heaven'? To show HE is *able* to give us all.
 4. Do you pray in the LORD'S PRAYER for yourself alone? No; I desire my LORD GOD, our Heavenly FATHER, Who is the Giver of all Goodness, to send HIS GRACE unto me and all people.