

A prayer after instruction from the catechism



O merciful, compassionate God and Father, we thank You that it pleased You to make a covenant of grace with the faithful and their descendants. You have not only sealed this covenant with the holy baptism, but continue to confirm it every day when their children sing your praises. Thereby You shame the wise of this world.

Pour out Your grace in them all the more so that they may grow all the more in Christ, Your Son, until they have reached the fullness of Christ in all wisdom and righteousness. Grant us Your grace that we may instruct them in Your knowledge and fear, as You commanded us. Grant that through their complete devotion to You the devil's kingdom may be destroyed and the kingdom of Jesus Christ will become all the more powerful in this and other churches. Let this be to Your holy Name and to their eternal salvation, through Christ, Your Son and our Lord who taught us to pray as follows:

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.