

Lord's Day 52

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness – Of Prayer

Question 127

Which is the sixth petition?

Answer

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;*¹ that is, since we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand a moment;² and besides this, since our mortal enemies, the devil,³ the world,⁴ and our own flesh⁵ cease not to assault us, do Thou therefore preserve and strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be overcome in this spiritual warfare, but constantly and strenuously may resist our foes,⁶ till at last we obtain a complete victory.⁷

Question 128

How dost thou conclude thy prayer?

Answer

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever;*⁸ that is, all these we ask of Thee, because Thou, being our King and almighty, art willing and able to give us all good;⁹ and all this we pray for, that thereby not we, but Thy holy name, may be glorified for ever.¹⁰

Question 129

What doth the word *Amen* signify?

Answer

Amen signifies, it shall truly and certainly be; for my prayer is more assuredly heard of God than I feel in my heart that I desire these things of Him.¹¹

¹⁰ John 14:13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Ps. 115:1

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Phil. 4:20

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹¹ 2 Cor. 1:20

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

¹ Matt. 6:13

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² Rom. 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ps. 103:14

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

³ 1 Pet. 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

⁴ Eph. 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

John 15:19

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

⁵ Rom. 7:23

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Gal. 5:17

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

⁶ Matt. 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mark 13:33

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

⁷ 1 Thes. 3:13

To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thes. 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ 1 Matt. 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

⁹ Rom. 10:12

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

2 Pet. 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: