

Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lord's Prayer: The First Petition

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about honoring God's name?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 242-245 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create*- Write God's proper name (Yahweh) on a piece of paper. Decorate it any way you desire. Put it in a place where you can see and reflect on Yahweh daily.
- ❖ *Active*- List ways that people can honor the name of God and ways that His name is profaned.
- ❖ *Reflect*- In what ways do you find yourself using the name of the Lord. Honoring? Profaning? If using in a wrong manner, confess your sins and receive God's forgiveness.

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*- "As Christians, we honor (hallow) God's name as Father when we call on Him in faith, proclaim His love for us, and live according to His Word. (*Luther's Small Catechism* pg. 242)
- ❖ *Do*- When reading the Scriptures (especially the Old Testament) insert Yahweh every time you see LORD written in all caps (LORD= personal name Yahweh/ I AM, Lord= title meaning master, ruler, etc.). Read Psalm 8 to practice.

VI. Prayer

- ❖ Pray the Lord's Prayer

VII. Digging Deeper (Other helpful resources on this topic)

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Videos

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Videos-First Petition](#)
- [Sing the Faith-First Petition 1](#)
- [Sing the Faith-First Petition 2](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [Learning to Pray Holy Name-Family Style Theology \(1517\)](#)
- [3 Secrets Hidden in the Lord's Prayer-Bryan Wolfmüller](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portions about the First Petition

