

# The Kingdom Of God From Luther's *Small Catechism*

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## The Second Petition

**Thy kingdom come.**

**What does this mean?**

*The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.*

**How is this done?**

*When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and yonder in eternity.*

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## The Third Petition

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**What does this mean?**

*The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*

**How is this done?**

*When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith unto our end. This is His gracious and good will.*

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