

Q. 116 Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us.[1] Moreover, God will give His grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask Him for these gifts and thank Him for them.[2]

[1] Psa_50:14-15; Psa_116:12-19; 1Th_5:16-18. [2] Mat_7:7-8; Luk_11:9-13.

Q. 117 What belongs to a prayer which pleases God and is heard by Him?

A. First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed Himself in His Word, for all that He has commanded us to pray.[1] Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God.[2] Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as He has promised us in His Word.[3]

[1] Psa_145:18-20; Joh_4:22-24; Rom_8:26-27; Jam_1:5; 1Jo_5:14-15; Rev_19:10. [2] 2Ch_7:14; 2Ch_20:12; Psa_2:11; Psa_34:18; Psa_62:8; Isa_66:2; Rev_4:1-11. [3] Dan_9:17-19; Mat_7:8; Joh_14:13-14; Joh_16:23; Rom_10:13; Jam_1:6.

Q. 118 What has God commanded us to ask of Him?

A. All the things we need for body and soul,[1] as included in the prayer which Christ our Lord Himself taught us.

[1] Mat_6:33; Jam_1:17.



Life Choices Dessert Auction, February 22,
7:00PM at the Red Lion in Lewiston. Donations or attend.
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If you have a prayer request, be sure to drop a note in the offering plate. Thank you.

Cottonwood Community Church

February 10, 2008

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Wednesday Prayer: 7:00 pm

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:11-18

Hymn # 43 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Psalms 43:1-5

(1) Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

(2) For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

(3) Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

(4) Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

(5) Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Hymn #195 Amazing Grace

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: James 5:9-12

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

**Oaths: Deceit or Honesty?
Matthew 5:33-37**

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn #42 God Be with You

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26. The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen