

# Westminster Larger Catechism

## **Q. 178. What is prayer?**

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

## **Q. 179. Are we to pray unto God only?**

A. God only being able to search the hearts, hear the requests, pardon the sins, and fulfill the desires of all; and only to be believed in, and worshipped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to him alone, and to none other.

## **Q. 180. What is it to pray in the name of Christ?**

A. To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

## **Q. 181. Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?**

A. The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into his presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit

# Cottonwood Community Church

May 2, 2010  
Fourth Sunday  
After Easter

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Friday Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Welcome

The Collect

[Psalms 89:46-52](#)

**(46) How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?  
How long will your wrath burn like fire?**

(47) Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man!

**(48) What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah**

(49) Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

**(50) Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked, and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,**

(51) with which your enemies mock, O LORD, with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

**(52) Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.**

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Hymn 6: Come, Thou Fount

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hymn 8: All Hail The Power

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

**Let us rehearse the articles of our belief.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

**What do we chiefly learn in these articles of our belief**

First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifies me, and all the people of God.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Chorus 188: Hosanna

New Testament: Ephesians 5;22-33

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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**Men Of Christ: Know What To Do**

Ephesians 5:1-2

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Congregational 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

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Hymn 39: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

