

MEMORY WORK #3 – The Third Petition and its meaning:

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

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayers, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

Say it from memory for a parent or instructor. Have them sign below when completed correctly.

MW#3 Parent/Instructor's signature _____ Date _____

WORKSHEET #6 – The Third Petition – “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Read *Luther's Small Catechism*, questions 215-218.

1. Having been saved, what is God's will for us? (question #215)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. It is hard to say, “Thy will be done” because there are so many enemies of God working around us. They might be saying, “God's way is not fun . . . but our way is fun!” Read the following verses to find out who God's enemies are. (Are they also our enemies?)
 - a. Luke 8:12 (You may want to read the whole story Jesus tells, Luke 8:4-15)

What enemy of God is mentioned here? _____

What is the enemy's will, what is his desire? _____

Is He our enemy as well? _____
 - b. 1 John 2:15-17

What enemy of God is mentioned here? _____

What is the enemy's will? _____

Is this our enemy too? _____

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c. Romans 8:5-8

What enemy of God is mentioned here? _____

What is the enemy’s will? _____

Is this our enemy too? _____

3. In what three ways is God’s will done? (in your own words)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. Circle the T or F for each sentence

- a. T F God wants everyone to be saved
- b. T F The devil desires to destroy our faith in Jesus.
- c. T F The flesh (our sinful nature) will remain with us until we die.
- d. T F It is God’s will that His Word is taught correctly.
- e. T F We have no control over our sinful cravings.
- f. T F In all things God works for the good of everyone.

5. Have you ever heard the expression “Where there is a will, there is a way?” We are weak and we can’t do God’s will by ourselves. We are praying in this petition that God would help us do His will, that is, what He wants us to do. In the space below, write a paragraph of at least 75 words to tell what you feel God wants you to do in your life as a teenager.

Two questions might help you write this paragraph:

“What is God’s will for me?” (You might want to remember the Ten Commandments)

“How do the enemies of God in question 3 make it hard for me to do God’s will during the teen years?”