

Q. 117: What are the requisites of that prayer which is acceptable to God and which He will hear?

A. 117: First, that we from the heart pray to the one true God only, who has manifested Himself in His Word, for all things He has commanded us to ask of Him; secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may deeply humble ourselves in the presence of the divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that He, notwithstanding that we are unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as He has promised us in His Word.

Prayer for Global Missions

Our Missionaries | China

Country of World | Azerbaijan

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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 sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Hymn 628 | Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

Offertory Prayer

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 7:1-12

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Get Low Before Your Just & Gracious Father (2)

Prayer of Application

* Hymn 674 | I Need Thee Every Hour

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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GET LOW BEFORE YOUR JUST & GRACIOUS FATHER (2)

Matthew 7:1-12

I. Bow before our Father's throne of *judgment* (vv. 1-6).

- A. So that in humility we might be *spared* by Him (vv. 1-4).
- B. So that in humility we might rightly *assess* others (vv. 5-6).

II. Bow before our Father's throne of *grace* (vv. 7-12).

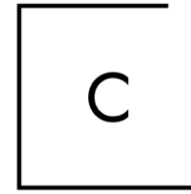
- A. So that in humility we might be *supplied* by Him (vv. 7-11).
- B. So that in humility we might rightly *assist* others (v. 12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Is the sermon on the mount a unified message or a bunch of disconnected thoughts? If it is unified, what is the main thrust of the message and how would you explain the various parts?
2. What does it mean to judge? Is Jesus forbidding all judging of others or only a certain kind?
3. How does getting low before God's judgment throne deliver us from prideful judging and enable us to humbly judge?
4. What is Jesus talking about in v. 6 when he tells us not to throw pearls to pigs?
5. Why do you think Christ moves to prayer after speaking of judging others? What is the connection between vv. 1-6 and vv. 7-12?
6. When God promises to give us what we ask does this mean we can ask for anything at all and that God is duty-bound to give it? How do we understand these promises in the broader context of the sermon and Scripture?
7. What illustration does God give us to encourage us to pray? And how does God's generous response to our needs lead us to fulfill the "golden rule" of v. 12?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I dealing with my own sin before God through faith in Christ? Or am I too focused upon the sins of others to even see my own sin?
2. How often upon hearing a sermon do I think, "So-and-so really needs to hear that," without recognizing my own need to hear and respond to it?
3. Is God's gracious generosity in answering prayer leading me to grow as a person of large-hearted generosity and care for those around me?



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

August 13, 2023 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 65:1-4

Pastor: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 372 | Praise Waits for Thee in Zion (verses 1-4)

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | James 5:13-20

Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 116 & 117

Q. 116: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. 116: Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us; and also, because God will give His grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who with sincere desires continually ask them of Him, and are thankful for them.