

**High Desert URC – Heidelberg Catechism Supplement**  
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\* Read each Heidelberg question and answer before discussing them according to the prompts below.

I. Question and Answer 122

- A. *What does “hallow” mean in context?*  
“To hallow,” means to treat as holy or to revere. Therefore, to hallow God’s name is to recognize and acknowledge God as holy.
- B. *How does this catechism answer help our prayer life?*  
Our prayers are often empty and selfish. The catechism answer helps to give content and expression to our prayers by directing us to God, not ourselves. In our prayers we should think about God being holy and that his works (in creation and redemption) show forth his power, goodness, justice mercy and truth.

II. Question and Answer 123

*The Kingdom of God, to which this question and answer speaks, is properly defined as the future new heavens and earth (cf. the language, “they kingdom come” and when “the fulness of Your kingdom come”). Until the kingdom comes, what three things are we to pray?*

First, that we be governed by God’s Word and Spirit that we submit ourselves to him more and more, second, that God would preserve and increase his church and third, that God would destroy the works of the devil, every power that exalts itself against God and all wicked devices against God’s Word.

III. Question and Answer 124

- A. *The third petition of the Lord’s Prayer asks God that “his will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” This involves, first, that “we and all men renounce our own will.” What does this mean?*  
Our will represents our desires, which are often at odds with what God wants. We must be willing to confess our sins, repent from them and submit to what God wants are recorded in the Bible.
- B. *We are, without gainsaying, to obey God’s will. What does “gainsaying” mean?*  
“Gainsaying,” is to deny, oppose or dispute. Therefore, we are not to question God’s will or resist it.
- C. *We are to obey God’s will so that everyone may fulfill his office and calling willingly and faithfully. What does this mean?*  
It means that we are to obey God’s Word, which helps to guide us in our callings as children, parents, spouses and workers, whatever God has called us to do.