

# The Lord's Prayer: The Conclusion

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

## *What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, which means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

The version of the Prayer that Martin Luther learned, and so his Catechism, didn't have this conclusion in it. Some translations of Scripture contain it, and some don't. It depends on which texts they used for their translations. so, different Christians use different versions. Catholics don't say it. Protestants say, "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen." Lutherans add, "and ever." So, why do we say it? It ties everything together. We are acknowledging our heavenly Father is supreme. He is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. He is all-powerful. And all glory is due only to Him. All this is true throughout all eternity. Because of this, we have complete confidence that our heavenly Father hears and answers this prayer. Amen means that we are consenting to this. It means, "let it be so." The conclusion is important because of the confidence it instills in us and communicates to the world.