

Lord's Day 46

120. Q. Why has Christ commanded us to address God as *our Father*?

A. To awaken in us
at the very beginning of our prayer
that childlike reverence and trust
toward God
which should be basic to our prayer:
God has become our Father
through Christ
and will much less deny us
what we ask of him in faith
than our fathers would
refuse us earthly things.

1. Mt 7:9-11; Lk 11:11-13.

121. Q. Why is there added, *in heaven*?

A. These words teach us
not to think of God's heavenly majesty
in an earthly manner,
and to expect from his almighty power
all things we need
for body and soul.

1. Jer 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24, 25.

2. Mt 6:25-34; Rom 8:31, 32.