

Q. 192. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition (which is, *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*), acknowledging that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and to do the will of God,

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

but prone to rebel against his word,

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

to repine and murmur against his providence,

Ruth 1:21 I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has {lit. done evil to} me?"

and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil:

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked according to the [a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience

we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness,

Ephesians 1:17-18 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

weakness,

Ephesians 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

indisposedness,

Matthew 26:40-41 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

and perverseness of heart;

Jeremiah 31:18-19 "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself:

'You have chastised me, and I was chastised,

Like an untrained bull;

Restore me, and I will return,

For You are the Lord my God.

19 Surely, after my turning, I repented;

And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh;

I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated,

Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things,

Psalm 119:35-36 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.
36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

with the like humility,

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

cheerfulness,

Psalm 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.

faithfulness,

Isaiah 38:3 and said, "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

diligence,

Psalm 119:4 You have commanded us
To keep Your precepts diligently.

zeal,

Romans 12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

sincerity,

Psalm 119:80 Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,
That I may not be ashamed.

and constancy,

Psalm 119:112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.

as the angels do in heaven.

Psalm 103:20-21 Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
21 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.