

Q. 196. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.) teacheth us to enforce our petitions with arguments,

Romans 15:30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you *strive together with me in prayers to God for me,*

which are to be taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves, or in any other creature, but from God;

Daniel 9:4 And *I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,"*

Daniel 9:7-9 "O Lord, *righteousness belongs to You*, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You. 8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 *To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him"*

Daniel 9:16-19 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and *for the Lord's sake* cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 *O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name;* for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! *Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."*

and with our prayers to join praises,

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything *by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotency, and glorious excellency;

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said:

"Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

11 *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness,*

The power and the glory,

The victory and the majesty;

*For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
And You are exalted as head over all.
12 Both riches and honor come from You,
And You reign over all.
In Your hand is power and might;
In Your hand it is to make great
And to give strength to all.
13 “Now therefore, our God,
We thank You
And praise Your glorious name.*

in regard whereof, as he is able and willing to help us,

Luke 11:13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*”
Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is *able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think*, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

so we by faith are emboldened to plead with him that he would,

2 Chronicles 20:6, 11 (Jehoshaphat) and said: “*O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might*, so that no one is able to withstand You?
11 *here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.*

and quietly to rely upon him, that he will fulfill our requests.

2 Chronicles 14:11 And Asa cried out to the Lord his God, and said, “*Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O Lord, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!*”

And, to testify this our desire and assurance, we say, Amen.

1 Corinthians 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, *how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks*, since he does not understand what you say?
Revelation 22:20-21 He who testifies to these things says, “*Surely I am coming quickly.*”
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*