

The Heidelberg Catechism

123. What is the second petition?

“Thy kingdom come;” that is, so govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that we submit ourselves to You always more and more;¹ preserve and increase Your Church;² destroy the works of the devil, every power that exalts itself against You, and all wicked devices formed against Your Holy Word,³ until the fullness of Your kingdom come,⁴ wherein You shall be all in all.⁵

¹ Ps 119:5, 105, 143:10; Mt 6:33; ² Ps 51:18, 122:6-7; Mt 16:18; Acts 2:42-47; ³ Rom 16:20; 1 Jn 3:8; ⁴ Rom 8:22-23; Rev 22:17, 20; ⁵ Ps 102:12-13; 1 Cor 15:24, 28; Heb 12:28; Rev 11:15