

The sixth supplication of the Lord's Prayer: God, the Father, does for us the good

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Until Advent 1st, 2018, there was a discussion in the Roman-Catholic Church about the understanding of the sixth supplication of the Lord's Prayer: What God is doing with us? In the French and in the Italian language they have changed the formulation away from God as tempting us to God as testing, as proving us. Also, the French speaking Lutheran congregation in Moscow did follow this decision. Therefore this paper goes the following way: we have to understand the difficult dimensions seeing God as Father and Mother (Pope John Paul I). This was done for a longtime, what the personal names in the Bible show. One important story of the New Testament is that one of the «lost son» and his relation to his father (Luke 15). Against this background we have to question the formulation that God does not lead us into temptation. First we have to understand that God does not tempt us — see: James 1. And important is here the statement of the Apostle Paul in 1. Corinthians 10: «God is faithful». We as Lutherans have a very clear insight by Martin Luther in his Small Catechism: «God does not tempt anyone — but we're asking in that prayer that God may save us from all bad powers that we may win and get the victory». Therefore, despite using the traditional formulation, the Lord's prayer can be understood in the reflected way: within our lifetime God does not tempt but does prove us.



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