

# Daily Prayer

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Today's prayer is based on the twenty-first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563.  
The question is: What is true faith?

*True faith is not only*

Lord, I know there are many counterfeit faiths out there,  
lead me to the truth.

*a knowledge and conviction*

Lord, I need you to guide me to your truth, give me right knowledge,  
and I need you to give me solid commitment to it,  
convince my heart of its truth.

*that everything God reveals in his Word is true;*

Evidently, Lord, a right understanding of your Word, the Bible,  
is where I will find the truth.

Please guard and guide my thinking as I approach your Word.

*it is also*

*a deep rooted assurance,*

As I learn your truth,  
help me to understand it correctly,  
help me to remember it,  
help me to process it,  
help me to apply it rightly to myself first,  
help me to live your truth before all.

As you assure me by your Spirit within me  
that I am indeed walking in your truth,  
let that assurance take root deep inside me.

*created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel*

Lord, I am your work from first to last -  
please make your Holy Spirit empowered gospel live in me!

*that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,*

Thank you for loving me in spite of myself.

*not only others, but I too,  
have had my sins forgiven,  
have been made forever right with God,  
and have been granted salvation.*

Thank you for forgiving my sins.  
Thank you for making me right with you now and forever.  
Thank you for this unmerited gift of saving me  
from the false,  
from my sin, my self,  
from this world,  
from darkness,  
from our enemy,  
to yourself,  
for Jesus and his kingdom's sake. Amen.

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We must resist wandering thoughts in prayer. Raising our hands reminds us that we need to raise up our minds to God, setting aside all irrelevant thoughts.

- John Calvin