



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 13 - Of Sanctification

Loving and gracious God,

We praise you that we can have complete assurance that in calling us powerfully to yourself, you grant new birth making us spiritually alive in Christ. You gift us nothing less than a new heart and a new spirit within us.

We marvel that with this new birth, you have begun a very real and personal work of transformation in us. We know, Lord God, that this sanctifying work is begun in us only because of the merit of Christ's death and resurrection.

And we are so aware Almighty God, that this process of sanctification is possible only by the power of your Word and Spirit dwelling in us.

We praise you that you bring destruction to the controlling power of sin in our inner beings. With this defeat of the power of sin over us, we delight that the many lusts of our fallen natures are being increasingly weakened and even put to death. And we are amazed, that alongside this, is an increasing vitality within us through the strength of all your saving graces.

Lord we see that this gracious work of sanctification is bringing true holiness, without which none of us shall see you our Heavenly Father.

Mighty God, your sanctifying power is at work in every part of our being. Yet it troubles us greatly to acknowledge that in this lifetime we will always fall short of the holiness you call us to live in. With sadness, we acknowledge the residual corruption of sin in every part of our being.

Lord, we are acutely aware of the ongoing presence of sin. We confess we are often conflicted by the battle between the lusts of our flesh and the holiness of your Spirit. Lord, forgive us that our fleshly lusts continually rise up to war against the ways of your Spirit. O Father, how sad it makes us to see that sometimes we give license to these sinful lusts and allow them to prevail longer than they ever should. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, Lord.

What undeserved love you have for us as you continue to supply strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ that we might overcome these lusts of the flesh!

And, Holy God, what delight it is to know that with the gift of regeneration you assist us to overcome these sins and continue to make perfect your holiness as we continue in reverent devotion to you.

We praise you Lord that your Spirit continues to restrain these sinful lusts and in the end will mortify each one truly and finally.

Be glorified in us and through our lives we pray,

In the Name of our Saviour Jesus.

Amen.