

# Belonging to God: A First Catechism

Questions 51-60 for Bible Buddies  
& We Believe Kids!

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No. Only creatures who have bodies can be male or female. But God is Spirit and has no body.





Question 52. What do we mean when  
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We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.





Question 53:  
What do we ask when we say “Hallowed be your name”?



**Question 53. What do we ask when we pray “Hallowed be your name”?**

We pray that God’s name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God’s name really stands for God.

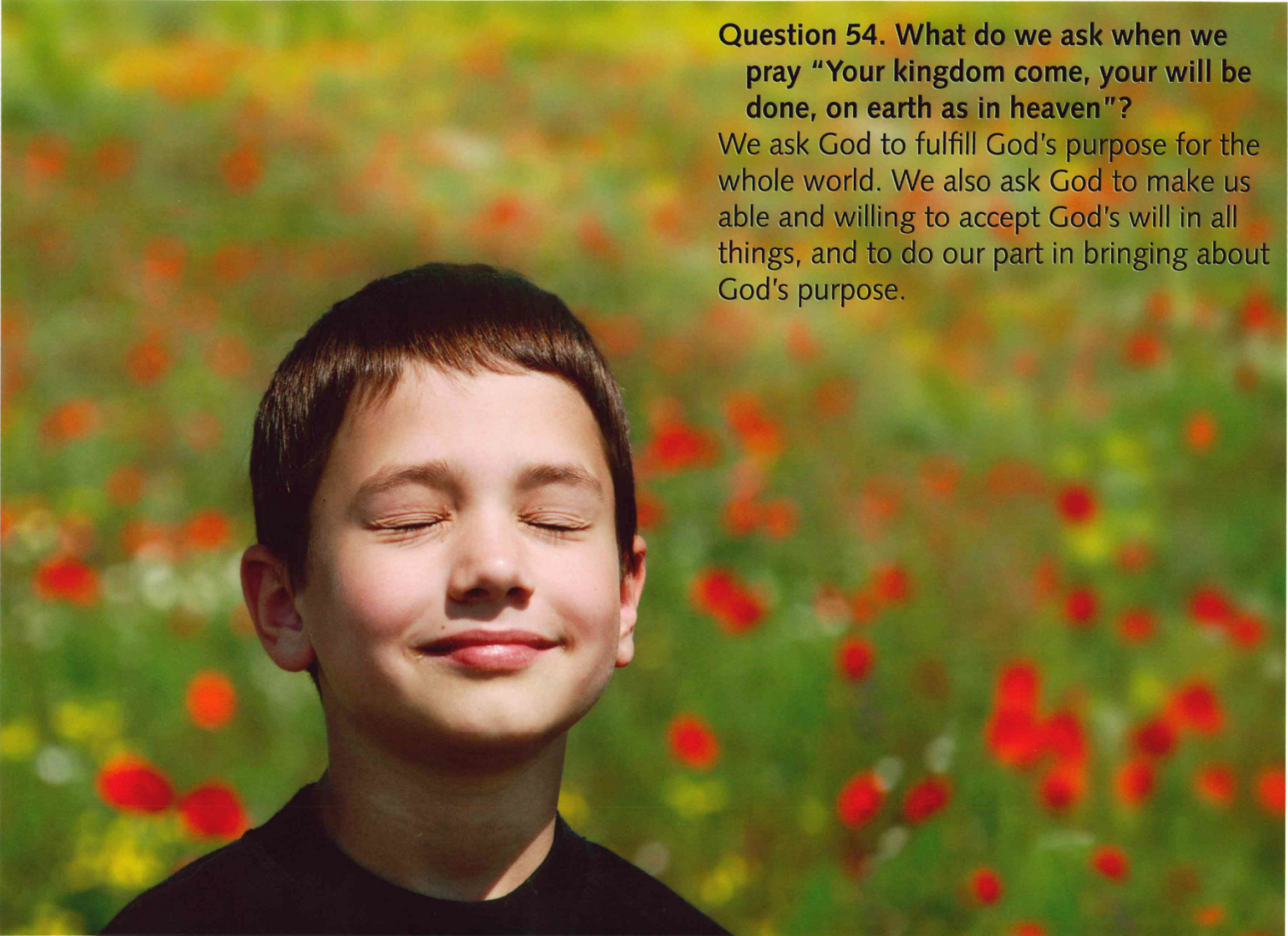




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“Your kingdom come, your will  
be done, on earth as in heaven”?



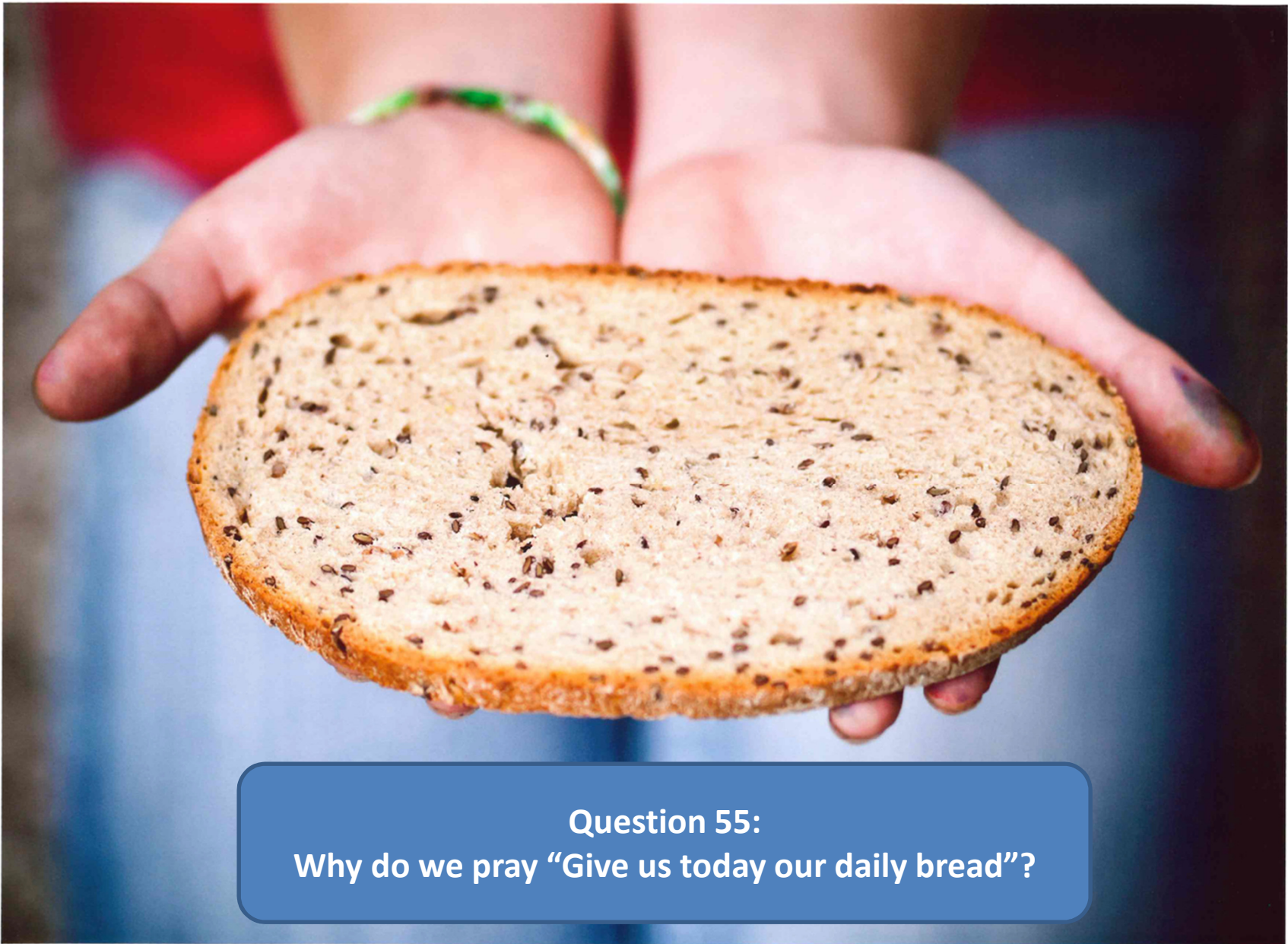




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We ask God to fulfill God's purpose for the whole world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to accept God's will in all things, and to do our part in bringing about God's purpose.





Question 55:  
Why do we pray “Give us today our daily bread”?

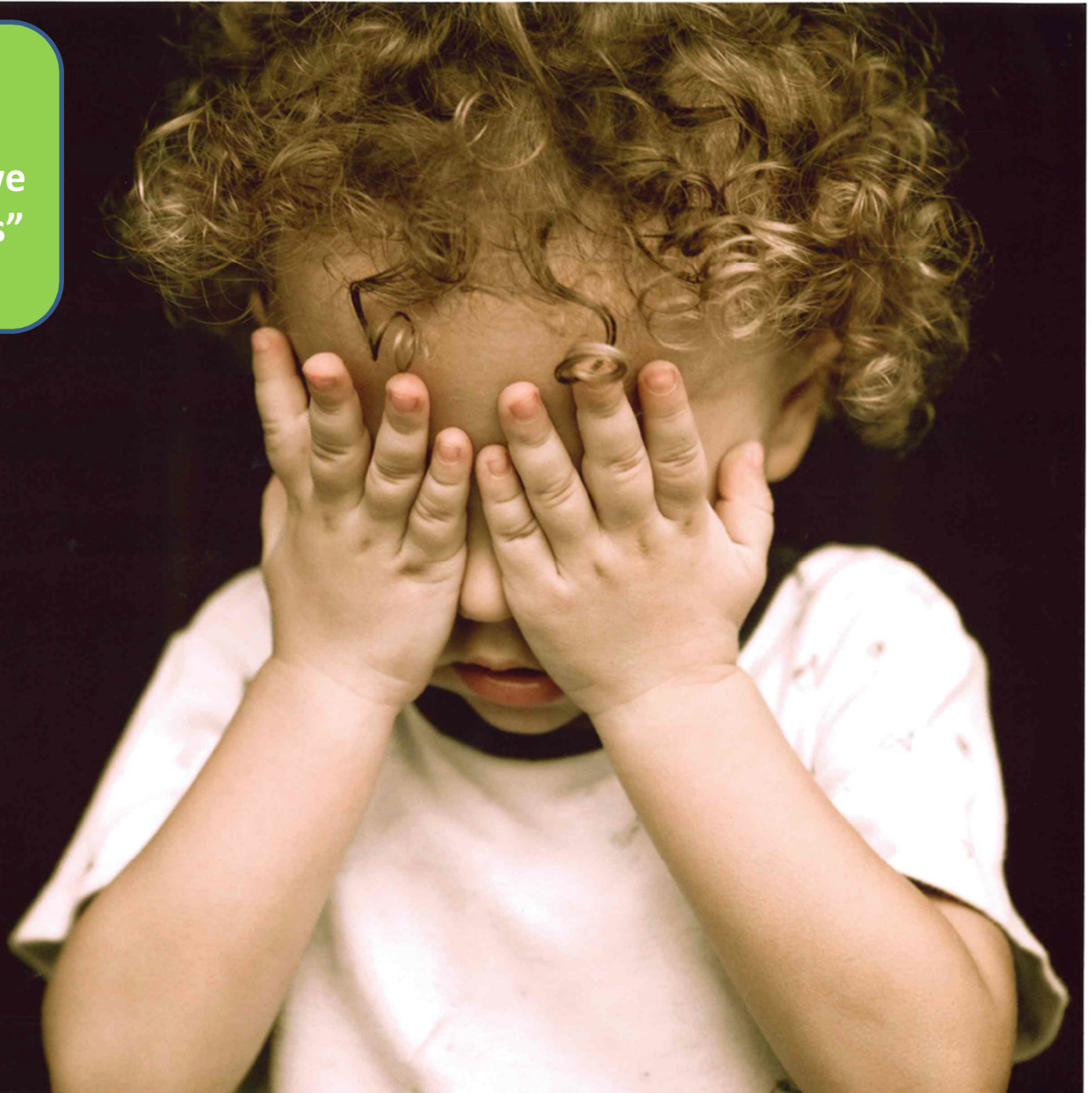




**Question 55. Why do we pray “Give us today our daily bread”?**  
Because all good things come from God. Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely.



Question 56:  
What do we ask when we  
pray “Forgive us our sins”



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when we pray “Forgive us  
our sins”?**

Telling God we are sorry, we  
ask God not to hold our sins  
against us, but to accept us  
again by grace.

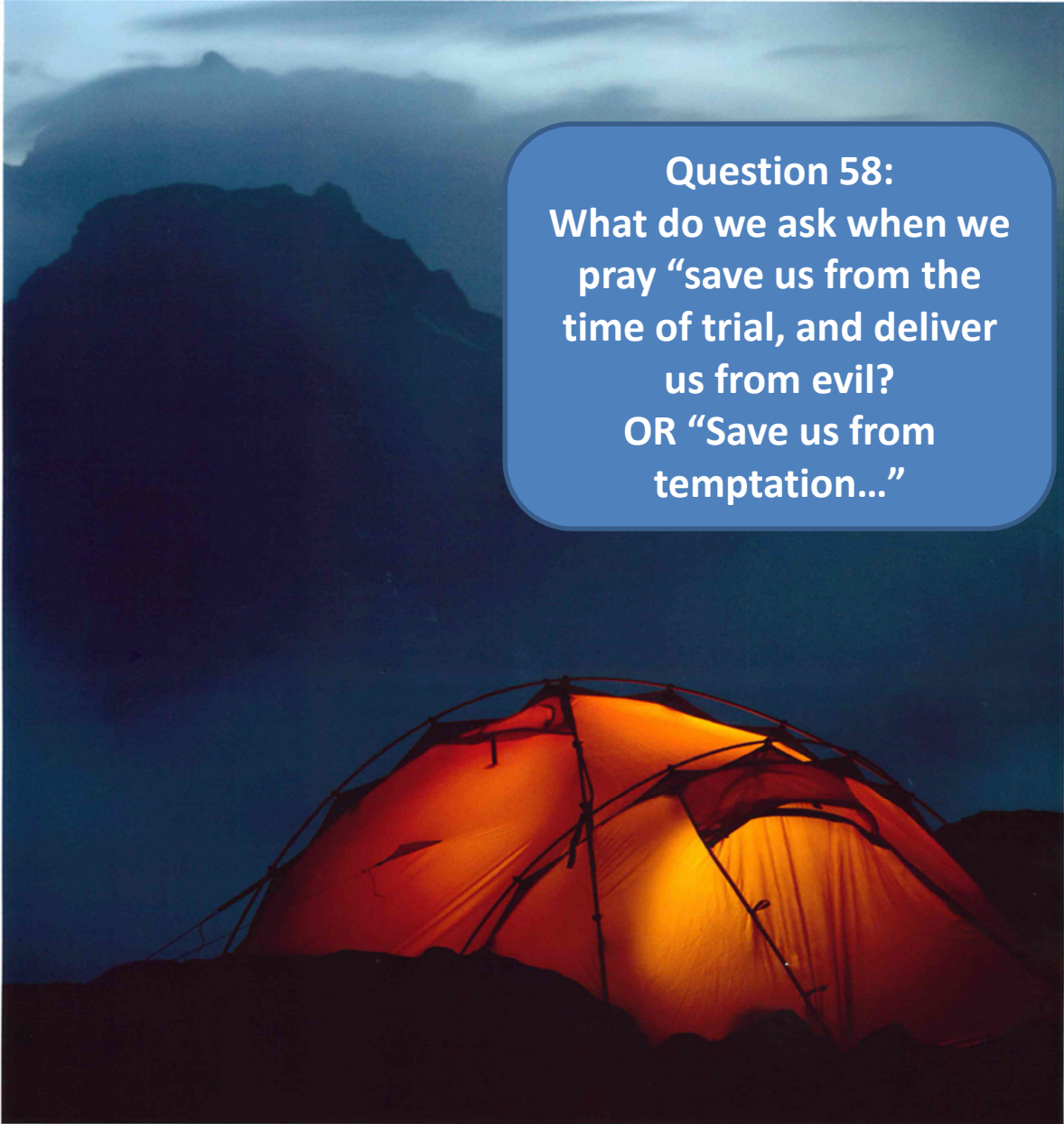


Question 57:  
Why do we continue with “as we forgive those who sin against us”?  
OR “as we forgive our debtors”?



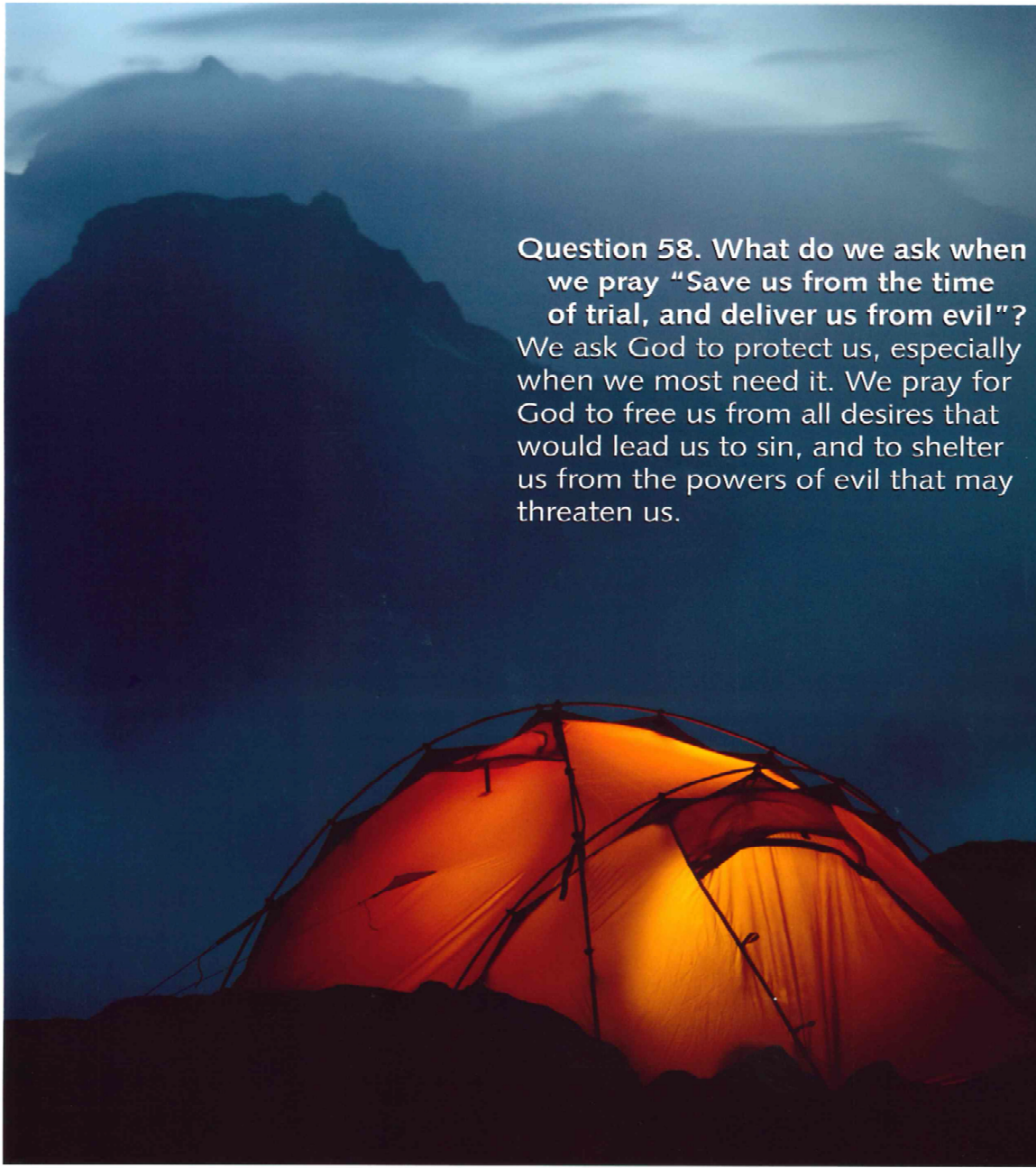
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Because we are to forgive others, just as God has forgiven us.



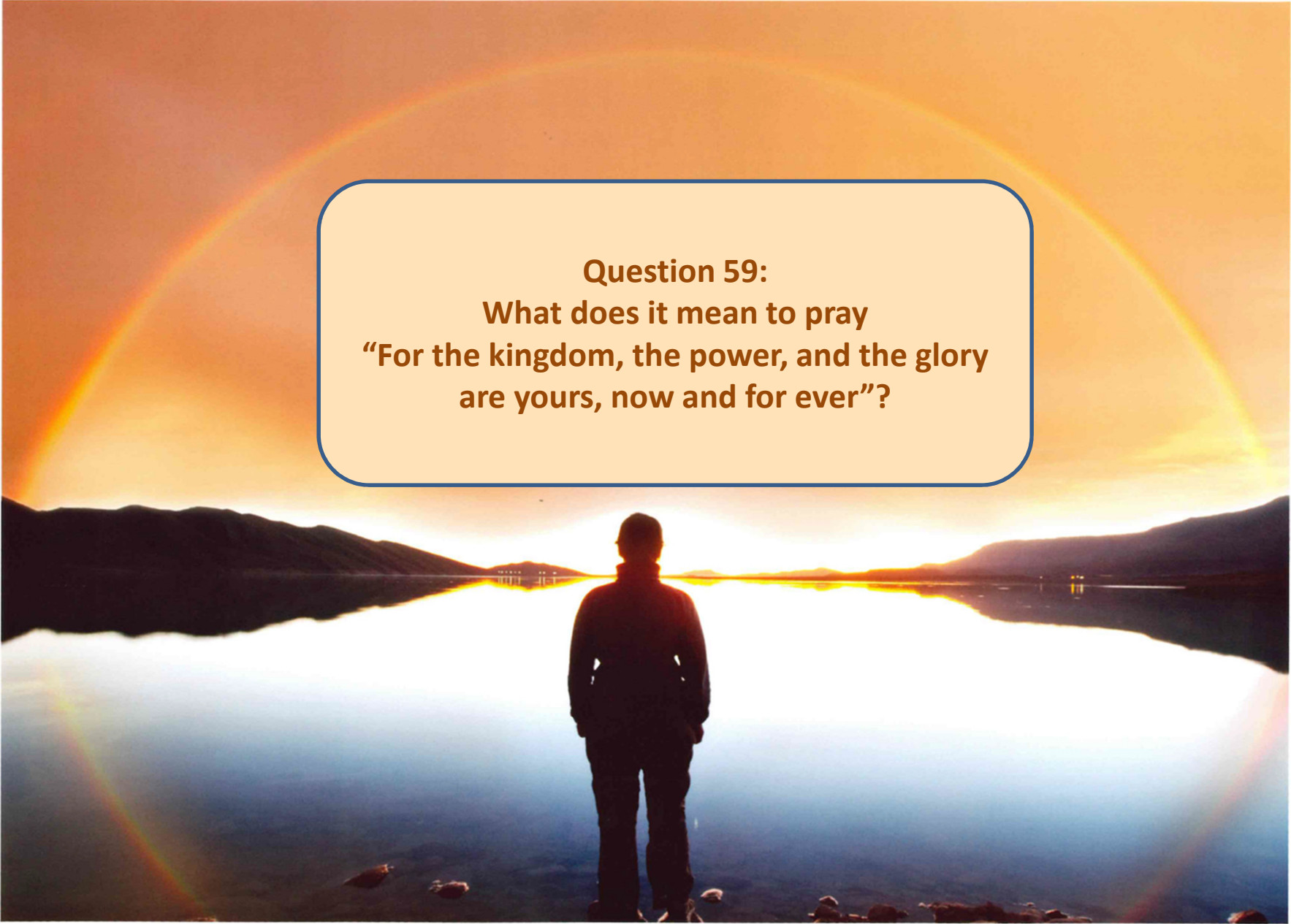


**Question 58:**  
What do we ask when we  
pray “save us from the  
time of trial, and deliver  
us from evil?  
OR “Save us from  
temptation...”



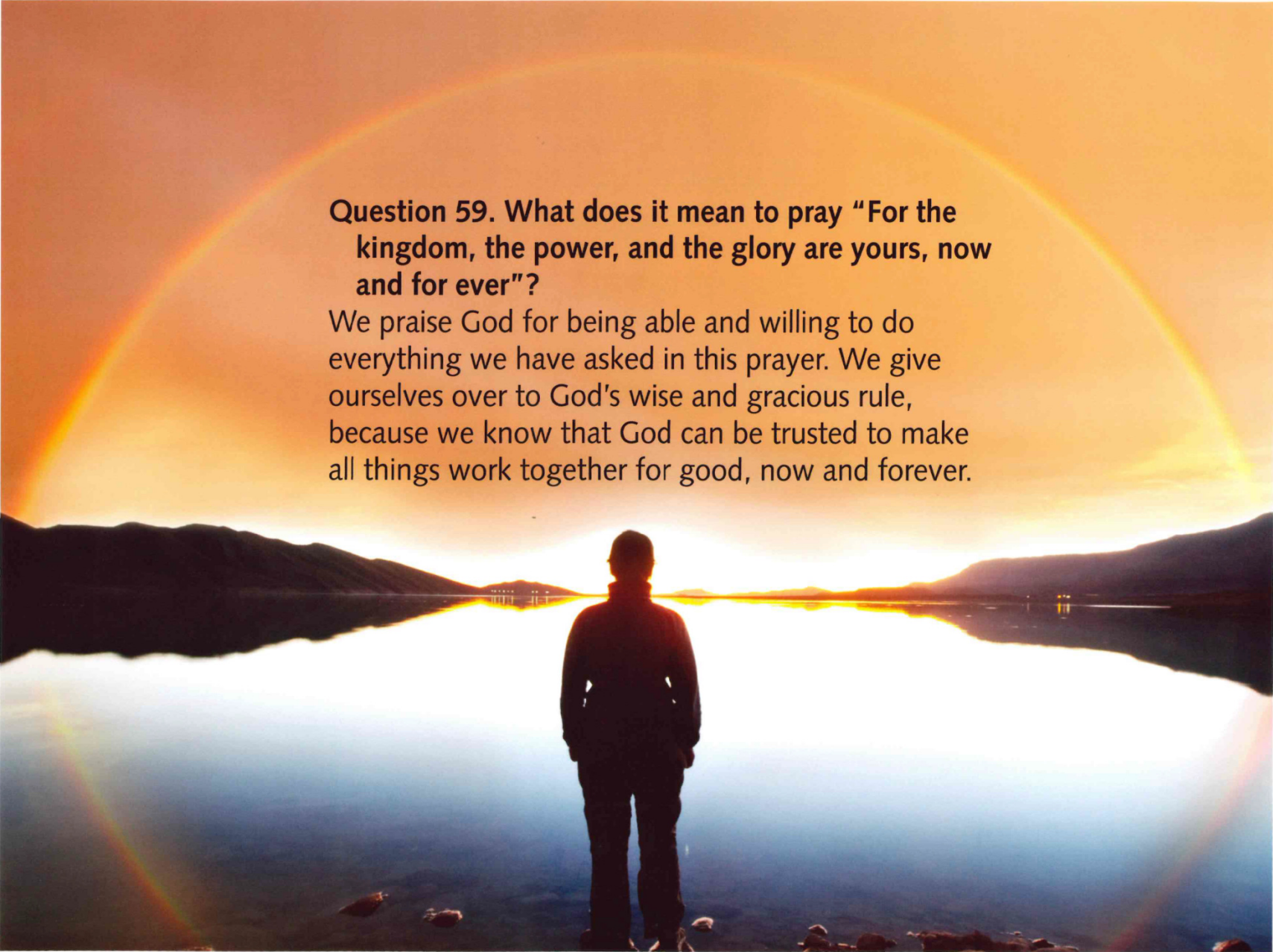


**Question 58. What do we ask when we pray “Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil”?**  
We ask God to protect us, especially when we most need it. We pray for God to free us from all desires that would lead us to sin, and to shelter us from the powers of evil that may threaten us.



**Question 59:**  
**What does it mean to pray**  
**“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory**  
**are yours, now and for ever”?**



A person stands on a rocky shore, looking out at a calm lake. The sun is setting on the horizon, creating a bright glow that reflects on the water. A large, vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, framing the scene. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

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We praise God for being able and willing to do everything we have asked in this prayer. We give ourselves over to God’s wise and gracious rule, because we know that God can be trusted to make all things work together for good, now and forever.



Question 60:  
Why does our prayer end with “Amen”?



**Question 60. Why does our prayer end with "Amen"?**  
"Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so." It expresses our complete confidence in God, who makes no promise that will not be kept and whose love endures forever.

