

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE THIRD PETITION

### ACTIVITY

#### THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

**Theme:** God's will is done when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

**Materials:** Bible and various books: textbooks, encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, thesaurus, and so forth

**Procedure:** (5 minutes)

Discuss with the group the importance of each of the assembled books, reserving the Bible for last. Ask, **How are these books alike?** After the students have had the opportunity to respond, ask, **How are they different?** Look in the front pages to find the names of authorities who write the various resource materials. Then direct students' attention to the Bible. Say, **The writing of the Bible was inspired and directed by the ultimate authority!** Tell students that the ultimate authority, God Himself, provides all that we need in order to receive the blessings of forgiveness of sins and eternal life in His Word, the Bible. Stress that God accomplishes His will in us as He works through His Word, received either by itself or together with the elements of water and bread and wine in Baptism and the Lord's Supper.