

**Linguistic features of the text of the prayer *Our Father*  
in the Mari language, recorded by G. F. Müller**

The first coherent text was published in 1705 in the book of the Dutch burgomaster N. Witsen. The prayer *Отче наш* ['Our Father'] translated by the Mari interpreter and included in Witsen's book, is a valuable source for the study of contemporary grammar. In this article the German-Russian historian G. F. Müller's prayer text, written in the 30s of 18<sup>th</sup> century is linguistically interpreted. The dialect basis of the monument has been determined. The graphic, phonetic, lexical and semantic characteristic of the 290-year-old text is considered. Subsequently, G. F. Müller included this text in his book.

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