

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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***“Ask and you shall receive.”***

### Something to Think About

When you pray, what do you say to God? Do you thank God for the wonderful things in your life? Do you ask God to help you or maybe to bless others?

### The Story

Jesus' disciples want to learn how to pray. Jesus shows them, and us, how to pray. We call this “The Lord’s Prayer”. Then Jesus encourages us to ask for whatever we need, and to never give up on praying. He promises us that when we ask, we will receive.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

**11:1-10**

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray."

So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way:

'Father, help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.'

Then Jesus went on to say: "Suppose one of you goes to a friend in the middle of the night and says, 'Let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has dropped in, and I don't have a thing for him to eat.' And suppose your friend answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is bolted, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you something.'

"He may not get up and give you the bread, just because you are his friend. But he will get up and give you as much as you need, simply because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.

"So I tell you to ask and you will receive,  
search and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened for you.  
Everyone who asks will receive,  
everyone who searches will find,  
and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Watch the video which retells the gospel story.

[The Lord's Prayer](#)



## Group Discussion

When you pray, what do you say to God? Do you thank God for the wonderful things in your life? Do you ask God to help you or perhaps to bless your friends and family? You could pray for people in hospital, or for peace around the world. Talk together about what you would like to pray for today.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray for leaders who try to make our community safe. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for people who are too poor to buy food and clothing. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for those who find it hard to forgive. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who share what they have with others. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray for patience as we ask God for the things we need. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for always listening to our prayers and for keeping us safe each day. Teach us to be kind, loving and forgiving.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

### Make a prayer cube

*For each child you will need: cardboard prayer cube template, coloured markers, scissors, glue.*

1. Show the children a pre-made cube and show them how they can roll it to decide what sort of prayer to say.
2. Invite children to colour their prayer cube.
3. Assist children to cut out their prayer cube, fold along the solid lines and glue the tabs in place to make a cube. Sticky-tape might be used in place of glue.





