

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



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

16 October 2022 - Year C

***“God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.”***

### Something to Think About

When do you find time to pray? In the morning or the evening?  
Have you ever felt too tired to pray?

### The Story

In today's story, Jesus tells us how important it is to keep on praying. The judge in the story gets tired of the widow who keeps nagging him, and eventually helps her. The message is this: if even the uncaring judge can respond to the persistent woman, God will surely respond to our efforts in prayer because God is full of patience, love and compassion.

### The Scriptures

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

**18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up:

"In a town there was once a judge who didn't fear God or care about people.  
In that same town there was a widow who kept going to the judge and saying,

'Make sure that I get fair treatment in court.'

"For a while the judge refused to do anything.

Finally, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about people, I will help this widow because she keeps on bothering me. If I don't help her, she will wear me out.' "

The Lord said:

"Think about what that crooked judge said. Won't God protect his chosen ones who pray to him day and night? Won't he be concerned for them? He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith?"

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

**Video**

[Five Finger Prayer](#)



## Group Discussion

Talk with the children about the importance of prayer in the lives of Christians. Share with them some of your own favourite prayers. Invite the children to name some things for which they would like to pray now. Spend some time in silent prayer and / or pray aloud together now.

## 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 that our leaders will be people of prayer. Lord hear us.

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

**Reader 2:** We pray for peace and safety for all people. Lord, hear us.

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

**Reader 3:** We pray for children who are in any kind of trouble. Lord, hear us.

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

**Reader 4:** We pray for our families and friends. Lord, hear us.

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

**Reader 5:** We pray that we will be patient in prayer and never give up. 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 God,  
We know that we can talk to you in  
prayer at any time of the day or  
night. Thank you for always being  
there to help us.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

### I Can Pray Throughout the Day

*You will need: set of 2 templates for each child, cardboard, metal splay pins, coloured markers, glue.*

1. Invite children to colour in the templates.
2. Stick each template to a piece of card for strength, then cut out.
3. Place the *I can pray when I* template on top of the full circle template. Make a small hole through the middle of them both and stick a metal splay pin through.
4. Children can turn the top piece to reveal the different times of the day that they can pray.

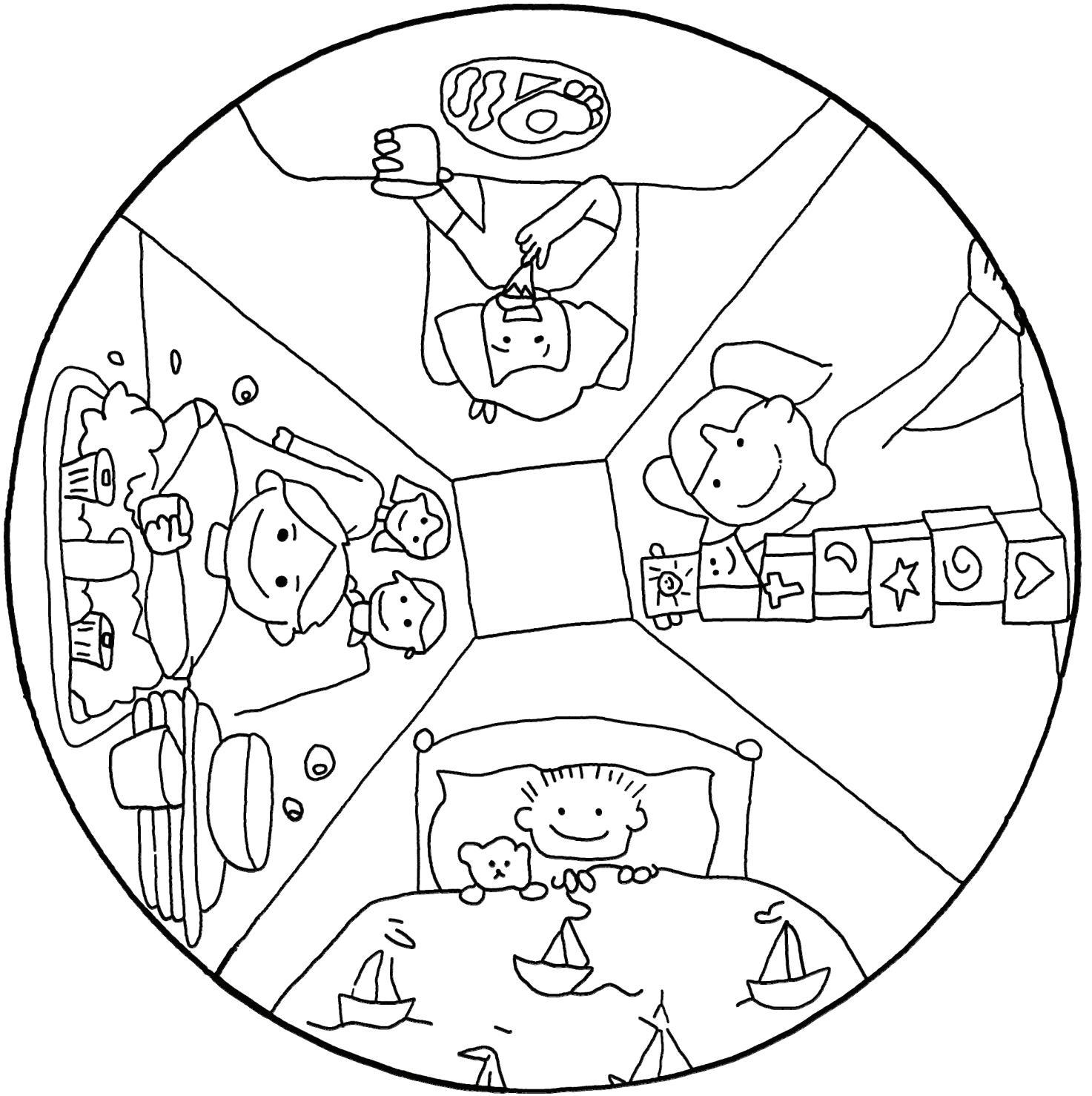




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# LET US PRAY

DRAW YOURSELF PRAYING

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY?



HANDS JOINED or OPEN



EYES OPEN or CLOSED



STANDING or KNEELING

WHEN DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY?



MEALTIME or BEDTIME

*Thank you, God!*  
*Help me, God...*  
*Bless us, O Lord*