

TLC—Total Lifelong Catechesis
Home Kit
The Lord’s Prayer—WEEK 2

Before you Begin:

Set table with a religious article (a crucifix, statue of Jesus or Mary, and/or a candle are examples). Be prepared with Bible, Catechism, Children’s Folders (Textbook and Assignments), and supplies of pencil, or pen.

Start with Family Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer is the most perfect of prayers and contains seven (7) petitions to God, the Father.

The first three (3) petitions tell us how to love God: how to adore and worship and praise Him. [Petitions regarding God.]

The words of the first three petitions are:

Hallowed be thy name

(Hallowed means “to be made holy”; God is holy; this is a way of saying that God is really special to you and you know His name is holy and we are to honor God’s name.)

Thy Kingdom come

(To look first to Christ’s return and the final coming of the Reign of God.)

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

(To live our lives so that His Kingdom in Heaven may be one with ours on earth in love and obedience. Praying that people would live here on earth just like they would live in Heaven, honoring God always.)

Pray The Lord’s Prayer together as a family.

Discussion with your Family:

When we pray “*Thy will be done*” we pray that we may be better “citizens-in-training” for Heaven and to remember that *God’s* will for us is what counts. What do you think God’s will or plan is for you today, tomorrow, 10 years from now?

Everybody needs a little TLC!

+ ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS +

Lessons in holiness from the pro's who have gone before us

Saint Louis, King of France

Feast Day: August 25

Louis (LOO-ee) was only 12 years old when he was named the king of France. The year was 1226, and his father, Louis VIII, had just died. Louis was too young to rule the country on his own, so his mother ruled in his place. She knew that one day Louis would take his place on the throne. She guided her son and taught him well so that he would become a just and courageous king. Louis took over from his mother when he turned 21. The night before he was crowned, he fasted and prayed. He asked God to make him a good servant, to make him a good and holy king for his people.

After the morning Mass, King Louis IX would ride his horse out into the country to see how he could work to make life better for his people. He would often stop in villages to listen to what the people had to say. He checked that wealthy, powerful nobles were not abusing people. When he heard that the nobles unjustly took from people who had less, he forced the nobles to give back what they had taken. He listened to people's ideas for how to improve their country, and he passed laws to protect those who were vulnerable.

The king ordered churches and hospitals built throughout France. In his travels, the king himself would often visit and care for those who were sick. He listened to the needs of others. As a man given the power to guide his country, he could do great good for his people. He worked for peace in the world, and when he did fight, he was merciful to those he captured.

In 1244, King Louis led a Crusade into the Holy Land. As king, Louis could have taken special privileges and comforts. Instead, he chose to share the hardships of his soldiers. Once, the king was captured. While in prison, he prayed the Liturgy of the Hours every day.

When Louis was dying, he prayed "Lord, I will enter into your house. I will worship in your holy temple, and will give glory to your name." Through his prayer, his support of the Church, and his Christ-like service to all, Louis made his whole life an act of worship.



GOSPEL READING
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/021917.cfm>

Family Connection

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God's family. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:38–48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God's family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the [Act of Love](#).

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