

Everyday FAITH Family Page

Pray, Praise & Give Thanks

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I am born in sin, cut off from God, unable to communicate with Him because of the barrier of sin. **Through Baptism and His Word, God creates faith in me, forgiving my sins for Jesus' sake and restoring my broken relationship with Him. He brings me into His family of faith and teaches me how to talk to Him.**

Bible Words

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
Matthew 7:7

Lord's Prayer Connection

What prayer did Jesus give us to show us how to pray? Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray

Luke 11:1–13

Do you remember the first prayer you learned as a child? Perhaps it was a the well-loved bedtime prayer "Now I lay me down to sleep" or the table prayer "Come Lord, Jesus, be our guest."

Jesus' disciples would have been familiar with prayers used in their home or local synagogue. But now they were looking for something different.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name.'"

Now known as the Lord's Prayer, these words have become the most well-known prayer in the Church throughout the world. Many Christian congregations speak the words of the Lord's Prayer together every week.

Family Faith Talk

Jesus teaches us to pray. He says we can come to our heavenly Father in prayer using the words of a familiar prayer, such as the Lord's Prayer. We can also come to Him in prayer using our own thoughts and words, boldly asking, seeking, and knocking. God our heavenly Father promises to hear and answer all the prayers of His children. Draw a large door on newsprint or poster paper. Add the Bible Words. As a family, brainstorm prayer requests to write on the door. At devotions or mealtime this week, take turns praying for the people and requests on the door. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer each time.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching us to pray by giving us the Lord's Prayer. Help us to boldly come to our loving heavenly Father with all our prayer requests. Give us hearts that trust Your promise to hear our prayers and answer them in the way that is best for us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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