

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

Pray, Praise & Give Thanks

## Law/Gospel

My sinful flesh must be commanded to pray. The Second Commandment exhorts me to prayer because if it did not, I would despise prayer, let it fall out of use, and think that only other people should pray. **Through water and the Word, God calls me to be His own dear child. He promises to hear all my prayers and to answer them for the sake of His Son, Jesus, who took my sins to the cross and gives me His righteousness.**

## Bible Words

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1

## Lord's Prayer Connection

### The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

## The Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15–22

**D**o you remember your Baptism? If you were baptized as an infant, memories of your own Baptism are probably limited to photos and other mementos of the event. It's more likely you recall the events surrounding the Baptism of your child(ren).

The writer Luke records the events of Jesus' Baptism in his Gospel: "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased'" (3:21–22).

## Family Faith Talk

"Our Father who art in heaven . . ." At Jesus' Baptism, God spoke from heaven and said Jesus was His own dear Son. Through the waters of Baptism and His Word, God makes us His own dear children too. This week, talk about what Baptism means to you. Look at family Baptism pictures and mementos (a baptismal outfit, Baptism certificates, a banner or candle, and so forth). Remind your child that our heavenly Father loves us, forgives us through Jesus, hears our prayers, and provides us with what we need at the best time and in the best way.

## Prayer

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for being willing to take our sins upon Yourself so that we could be children of God and call upon our heavenly Father in any trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks to Him. Thank You for our faith in You as Savior that we received at our Baptism. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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