

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

New Testament 3

## Law/Gospel

I sin by not trusting God and failing to pray to Him for all things. **God promises to hear and answer my prayers because of His Son, Jesus, and to do what is best and good for me.**

## Bible Words

This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

1 John 5:14

## Sing

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus,"  
Lutheran Service Book 770, stanza 2*

## Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, Your dear  
Son, that You have graciously  
kept me this day; and I pray that  
You would forgive me all my sins  
where I have done wrong, and  
graciously keep me this night.  
For into Your hands I commend  
myself, my body and soul, and  
all things. Let Your holy angel be  
with me, that the evil foe may  
have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Small Catechism

## Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Luke 11:1–13; John 16:23–33

Children learned about the Lord's Prayer in Sunday School today. Jesus taught this prayer to His disciples. This is a perfect time to reinforce the prayer at home and help children memorize it.

Choose a time of day to say the prayer together, such as before or after meals or before going to sleep. Say one phrase at a time and ask your children to repeat it. Soon, they'll be able to say the prayer anytime, including during worship. What a wonderful way for them to participate in the worship service!

Try these phrases: Our Father, / who art in heaven, / hallowed be Thy name, / Thy kingdom come, / Thy will be done on earth / as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread; / and forgive us our trespasses / as we forgive those / who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil. / For Thine is the kingdom / and the power / and the glory / forever and ever. / Amen.

## Teaching Children to Pray

Teaching children to pray to their heavenly Father is a privilege that opens a way for them to express their faith. Teach memorized prayers, such as meal prayers or morning and evening prayers (see Section 2, Luther's Small Catechism). Include song prayers; music helps us remember better.

Encourage children to use their own words by asking them to complete sentence stems, such as "Thank You, Jesus, for . . ." or "Jesus, forgive me for . . ." or "Jesus, please help me . . ." Teach them to close "in Jesus' name" because Jesus promised to answer prayers in His name (John 16:23).

Say different meal prayers for variety. Let a different person start and lead the prayer each time. Here are a couple of prayers to consider.

1. We thank You for this food before us. / We thank You for the One who saved us. / We thank You for the folks who help us. / And thank You for the life You gave us. / In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
2. Sing this prayer to the tune of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (LSB 457):  
Come Lord Jesus be our guest! Alleluia! / Let these gifts to us be blessed!  
Alleluia! / God is great and God is good. Alleluia!  
Let us thank Him for our food! Alleluia! / Amen!

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