

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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