

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 2

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist

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Ways to Pray

Let Us Pray

Leader: Lord, hear us when we pray.

“Gladden the soul of your servant;
to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.” **Psalm 86:4**

All: Lord, hear us when we pray. Amen.

God's Word

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us how to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

So Jesus told them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.’” **Based on Luke 11:1-4**

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What Do You Wonder?

- Why does Jesus teach us to pray?
- Can you pray by yourself?

Talking with God

What does Jesus teach us about prayer?

When you pray, you talk to and listen to God. The Bible says that Jesus prayed often. He wanted his followers to pray often, too.

Catholic Faith Words

Lord's Prayer the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray to God the Father



Underline what Jesus says about how we are to pray.



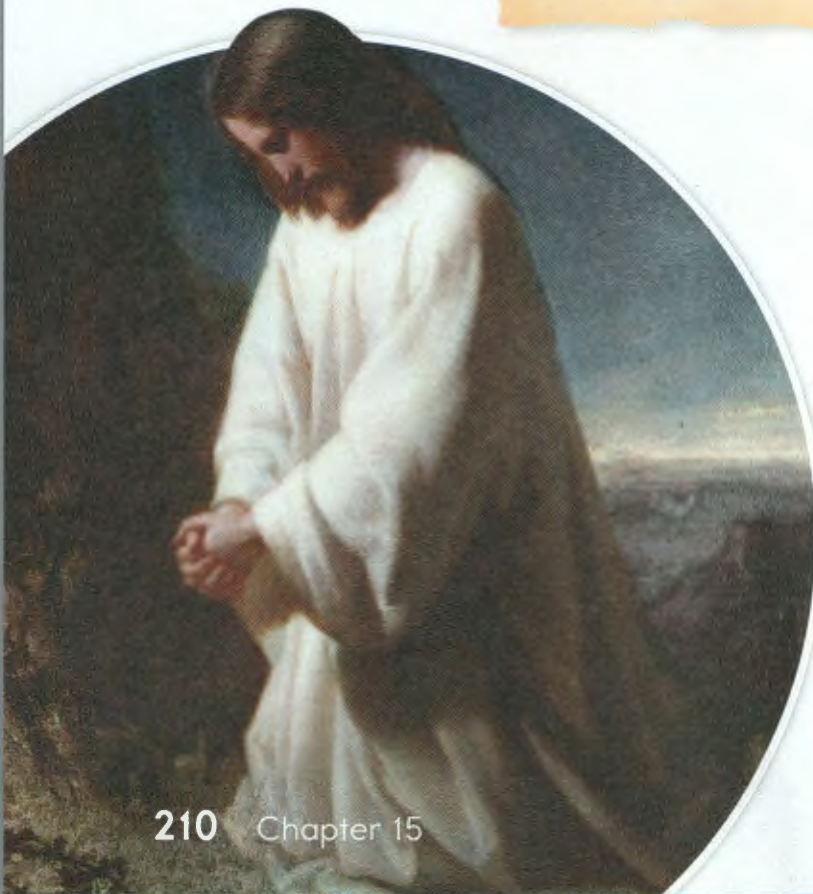
God's Word

How to Pray

Jesus said, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret."

Jesus also told them, "Do not babble like the others, who think that they will be heard because of their many words . . . Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you are to pray: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name." **Based on Matthew 6:5-9**

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The Lord's Prayer

The name of the prayer that Jesus taught his followers is the **Lord's Prayer**. It is also called the "Our Father." When we say the Lord's Prayer, we are talking directly to God our Father.

Jesus showed us to pray at all times.

The Lord's Prayer



Words of the Prayer

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.

Amen.

What They Mean

We praise God the Father. We say
his name with love and respect.

We pray that all people will know
God's justice and peace.

We will do what God wants, not what
we want.

We ask God to give us what we need
for now.

We ask God to be as forgiving of us
as we are of others.

We ask God to protect us from harm
and keep us from sin.

May it be so!



Share Your Faith

Think When do you pray the Lord's Prayer?

Share Talk about the times the Lord's Prayer is prayed.

Types of Prayer

What is your favorite way to pray?

Prayer is a way to deepen your friendship with God. You can pray in many ways. You can say many things when you pray to God. Sometimes you can just be quiet and enjoy being with God. Listed below are different types of prayers.

Catholic Faith Words

blessing a prayer that blesses God, who is the source of everything that is good

thanksgiving giving thanks to God for all he has given us

petition asking God for what we need

praise giving God honor and thanks because he is God

intercession asking God to help others



Color the picture. Then share one thing you pray for before you go to bed.



How to Pray

You can use your words to pray. You can also use prayers that the Church and some of the Saints have written. These prayers include the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, and prayers before meals. You can pray when you are happy, sad, alone, or with others.

You can also pray when you see pictures or objects that remind you that God is with you. Objects such as a crucifix, a rosary, or holy water are called **sacramentals**. Words of blessing and actions, such as the Sign of the Cross, are also sacramentals.

- ➔ What sacramentals do you see in church?
- ➔ What sacramentals do you have in your home?

Connect Your Faith

Learn by Heart Memorize the words of the Glory Be.

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

Catholic Faith Words

sacramentals blessings, objects, and actions that remind you of God and are made sacred through the prayers of the Church



The crucifix is a sacramental that we see often on necklaces, walls, and in processions at church.

Our Catholic Life

How can you talk to God?

Sometimes you talk to God using the words of prayers you have memorized, like the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes you pray in the words of the Bible, like the psalm verses. But you can use your own words, too, when you pray together with your family and by yourself.

➔ What are some prayers you can pray?



Fill in the blanks to identify the prayer type.

Prayer Type

A prayer of l s i g

A prayer of p t i

A prayer of n t r e i o

A prayer of h n g v

A prayer of r s

Words We Can Say

I love you God, your goodness fills the world.

I have a problem and I need your help. God, please help me. I need to know you are with me.

God, please help Uncle Mike find a new job.

Thank you, God, for my family and friends, who share your love with me.

God, the world you made is so amazing!

People of Faith

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, 1696–1787

Saint Alphonsus Liguori was a very good lawyer. God wanted him to become a priest, so he did. He was an even better priest than he was a lawyer. Saint Alphonsus loved to pray. He wrote many different prayers. He wrote prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and petition. He especially loved to ask the Blessed Mother to pray for him. He was also a painter, poet, and musician. He even wrote a song to sing at Christmas!



August 1

Discuss: What type of prayer do you like to pray?



Learn more about Saint Alphonsus Liguori at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Write a Prayer Write a short prayer of thanksgiving to God. Tell what you are thankful for and why.



 Let Us Pray


The Lord's Prayer

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: 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. Amen.

 Sing "Open My Eyes"
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores the importance of prayer, the many ways we pray, and how we use sacramentals—sacred objects, actions, and words.

God's Word



Read **Luke 11:1–4** to learn what Jesus taught us about prayer and the words he used to pray.

Catholics Believe

- Prayer is being with God in your mind and heart. We pray in many ways, for many reasons.
- Jesus taught his followers the Lord's Prayer.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2692–2696 at uscbb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Alphonsus Liguori. He loved to pray to the Blessed Mother.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Prayer Children may view prayer as “prayers:” memorized, recited words we say to God. These prayers can be important because they allow us to pray together with one voice, but prayer is a conversation with God, in our hearts, minds, and with words. If they haven't already, children in second grade are old enough now to begin speaking to God in their own words. Your child can do this with some prompting and structure. A sacred space in the home can also provide a place for listening to God in quiet reflection.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you remember seeing sacred pictures and objects in the home where you were raised?

We are transformed by images. Whether it is a piece of great art or a picture of a suffering child we see on the news, images can change our minds and hearts. Faith-filled people can come to know the grace that flows from Christ through the use of sacramentals (blessings, objects, and actions that remind you of God and are made sacred through the prayers of the Church). “We use these signs and symbols to help us experience God's invisible presence” (*USCCA, p. 171*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Invite your child to share one thing Jesus teaches us about prayer.
- Talk about some ways your family prays together and why.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Mary, I kneel here before you with my family and choose you for my Mother (Saint Alphonsus' family prayer of dedication).



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 15 Review

A Work with Words Unscramble the words to find five good reasons to pray.

1. To **LEBSS** God the Father _____
2. To **ESIARP** the Lord for his greatness _____
3. To **KNATH** Jesus for his gift of life _____
4. To **KAS** the Holy Spirit for what you need _____
5. To **RPAY** for someone else _____

B Check Understanding Draw a line from the prayers in Column A to the best description of that prayer in Column B.

Column A

6. Loving Father, you are the best!
7. I bless you and love you, God.
8. Jesus help me today in school.
9. Please, Lord, help Grandma get well.
10. Thank you, God, for all my friends.

Column B

- prayer of thanksgiving
- prayer of blessing
- prayer of intercession
- prayer of praise
- prayer of petition

