

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

The chapter describes the ways and reasons we pray and introduces the words and meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 6:6–8** to learn the ways that Jesus says we can pray.

Catholics Believe

- Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- Jesus taught his friends how to pray the Lord's Prayer.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2607–2612 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Ephrem. He loved to sing and give praise to God. He personally wrote more than 400 hymns.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Prayer Children who grow up in Catholic families, parishes, and schools have many opportunities to see people praying and to say prayers in groups. Children begin to respond to and relate to an unseen God when they see adults in their lives talking to God. It's important for your child to know that God is a friend he or she can talk to in his or her own words. It's also important to teach your child that prayer is listening as well as speaking.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Who did you most depend on as a child?

Many people might answer a parent, or family member. It is necessary for a child's emotional well-being to know that there is someone he/she can depend upon, someone who is trustworthy.

"A term that our Lord uses for Father is 'Abba!' This implies that Jesus is saying that a relationship with God should be like that of a child, very close, personal, and dependent" (*USCCA, p. 484*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk with your child about the different ways your family prays together.
- Describe your favorite time or place to pray.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to know how much you love us and let us always sing to you like Saint Ephrem did. Amen.



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