

Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ages 5-6

Luke 11:1-13

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Lord, teach us to pray.



Loving

Draw a picture of you praying.

Closing Prayer

Lord, teach me to pray. Amen.

Living

- Display your handout where all the family can see it.
- Ask your family members to share how they pray, when they pray, and where they pray.
- Say the Lord's Prayer together as a family.

Ages 7-8

Luke 11:1-13

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to 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,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Luke 11:1-4

Loving

Circle your favorite line in Jesus' prayer. Draw a picture of what you see when you pray your favorite line.

Closing Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Living

- Display your handout where all the family can see it.
- Ask your family members to name their favorite line in Jesus' prayer and tell why they like it.

Ages 9-11

Luke 11:1-13

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

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Loving

The disciples watched Jesus pray and they wanted to pray like he did.

- What do you think the disciples saw in Jesus that made them ask him to teach them?
- Who taught you to pray? What did they teach you?
- Which of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer is your favorite? Why?

Closing Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Living

- Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly and think about what each petition means for you as you pray. For example: **Give us this day our daily bread.** (*Lord, thank you for today, for all that gives me health, for what I will eat. I pray for all those who are hungry and homeless today, give them their daily bread.*)

Ages 12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs."

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:5-13

Loving

Jesus shares these words with the disciples after he teaches them the Lord's Prayer, which is directed to his Father. What do his words tell them and us about:

- God's willingness to answer prayer?
- How to pray?
- Why some of our prayers are not answered the way we want?

Closing Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Living

- During the week, meditate on the petitions in the Lord's Prayer and pray them in your own words for what you want to say about your life today. (For example, **thy kingdom come**: God, I know your Kingdom comes when we bring peace and healing. Help me to stop before I say something that will hurt my _____. Show me how to be kind to people who annoy me, and help world leaders to make agreements and not war.)
- Set aside some quiet time for prayer every day, and make praying a habit.