

Chapter 19

The Lord's Prayer

Pay attention to my prayer, O God!

Psalm 55:1

To the Parents:

In chapter 19 your child learned to:

- Name Jesus as the one who gave us the Lord's Prayer
- Pray the Lord's Prayer with reverent gestures
- Describe actions that hallow God's name

Of all the formal Christian prayers, there is no doubt that the best known and most often repeated is the Lord's Prayer. Scripture tells us that this prayer was taught by Jesus to his disciples. The Gospel of Luke paints a picture of the disciples of Jesus observing him at prayer. Desiring to pray as Jesus prays, they ask him to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with the prayer that has come to be known as the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. The praying of the Lord's Prayer encompasses the essential characteristics of God's kingdom – a situation where God's will satisfies human hungers and forgiveness is accomplished. Together at Mass, God's People pray earnestly for the coming of the kingdom and look to God as the one who not only provides everything that is needed to live, but also forgives our sins.

With Your Child:

1. Say the Lord's Prayer together everyday.
2. Make "Lord's Prayer" bookmarks together, writing each sentence of the prayer on the bookmark.
3. Read about Saint Gertrude on the Review and Explore page.