

Prayer for Children & Families

Week of Sept. 30 - Oct. 6, 2019



The Liturgy Letter

Opening Words

Let us remember
that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Light a prayer candle.

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Psalm 51:15

A Psalm of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

**Children sing the refrain and an adult reads the Psalm text in between*

Psalm 37:1-9

Be still before the Lord
and patiently wait for him
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and patiently wait for him

**Click the text above for [audio](#)*

- 1 Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
- 2 for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Be still before the Lord
and patiently wait for him
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Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,

your vindication like the noonday sun.
Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;

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do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

Be still before the Lord
and patiently wait for him

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now
And will be for ever.
Amen.

**Optional --- Make the sign of the cross while saying the “Glory be”*

Examen/Confession

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins
His love endures forever.

**Optional --- Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

Gospel Reading

Summary: God has given us everything we need to love and obey him. It is our joyful duty to to serve him! The more we serve him, the more our eyes will be opened to the great things he has done.

Luke 17:5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

7 "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? 8 Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

**Optional --- [Sing this refrain](#) twice after the reading*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 - How does this passage connect to the OT or whole biblical narrative? Why is bread so important in the Bible? Why does Jesus tell us to ask God to, "...give us this day our daily bread?" What else, besides food, do we need to survive? What does Jesus mean when he says that, "I am the bread of Life?" What does this story teach us about the Lord's Table, Communion, or the Eucharist?

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage. ([Mustard Seed, World's Smallest Seed](#))

Your Word is a light unto our feet
And a lamp unto our path.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed, [Apostles' Creed](#), Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1)

**One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. [Week One](#)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. [Week Two](#)

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell. [Week Three](#)

The third day he rose again from the dead. [Week Four](#)

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. [Week Five](#)

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, [Week Six](#)

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen. [Week Seven](#)

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Adult offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Adult provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.

ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the orans](#)*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Optional --- Doxology, Hymn, or Weekly Psalm Refrain

ie. [God is So Good](#), [Doxology \(Old 100th\)](#), [Jesus, the Light of the World](#)

Prayers Before a Meal

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest

And to our lives these gifts be blessed.

Amen.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the food before us,

the friends beside us,
and the love between us.
Amen.

Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



Relational Words / Worship Words ([More Resources...](#))

I Love You / Praise

I'm Sorry / Confession

Why? / Lament

I'm Listening / Illumination

Help / Supplication or Petition

Thank you / Thanksgiving

Here I Stand / Creed

What Can I Do? / Service

Bless You / Blessing