



Session 4: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer is to be held during the Sunday Mass in the presence of a community of the faithful.

Dismissal

After the Elect are dismissed from Mass, they move with the catechist to another area which has a sacred space arranged and comfortable seating for those gathered. In your sacred space, have a purple cloth, a candle, Bible and the cross.

Today at Mass we heard readings from ... (name the readings e.g. Isaiah or Matthew).

1. Tell me something that you heard from the Mass or the readings at Mass.
2. Let's go back and look at the gospel again. Read from the Bible and as you read this, focus on what you might have seen if you had been there. Share your thoughts if you would like to.
3. Read the passage again and pay attention to what might have been heard such as background sounds, people talking. Pay attention to the questions that Jesus or the disciples ask.
4. Now that you have heard this gospel, what will it mean for you this week? Has this created a new impression for you about God or the Church? What is Jesus saying to you? Make a commitment about what you will do differently from now on.

Activity Book - Gospel Space

In your Activity Book (page 35), after listening to and discussing the gospel, write down what you think Jesus is asking you to do this week.

Exploring

What we have received today - The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from the lips of Jesus, from the Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of Matthew where Jesus teaches the disciples to pray, "Our Father..." (Matthew 6:9-43). In Luke's gospel we also hear Jesus teaching the disciples to pray.

This prayer is Jesus revealing his heart to the disciples. When we learn to pray like Jesus, we become like Jesus.

“ Pope John XXIII

To know how to say the Our Father and to know how to put it into practice; this is the perfection of Christian life.

This prayer is prayed by all Christians – stop and think that this prayer is prayed by millions of people across the world.

**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.**

Activity Book

This prayer is Jesus revealing his heart to the disciples. In the space provided in your Activity Book (page 36), write down how we can become more like Jesus.

For example:

- When we hear the words, '*give us this day our daily bread*': we can talk to God about things that worry us. When we hear the words, '*And forgive us our trespasses*', we can say we are sorry when we do something wrong and we can forgive others who upset us.
- The '*Our Father*' begins with praise and worship and it nourishes us, asks God to be with us, allows us to petition God for our needs and helps us to know that God is with us.

Prayer

Before we leave today, let us ask for God's blessing upon our week with a modified prayer from Numbers 6:24-26.



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

May the LORD bless us and keep us;

May the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us;

May the LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.