
TABLE TALK

Pray to the Father

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from the small catechism):

C: God invites us to believe He is our true Father,

R: And that we are His true children,

C: So we may with all boldness and confidence

R: Pray to Him as dear children to their Father.

Read: Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 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!"

Reflect:

Jesus teaches his followers how to pray by giving them the very words to pray that we as God's true children may pray with all boldness and confidence.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage means for you as a family. Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

The head of the household prays:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the command and gift of prayer. Helps us to boldly come to you with all our needs. In the name of Your Son Jesus the Christ, amen.