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We Pray the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is made up of seven petitions. The object of the first three petitions is the glory of God. This consists of the sanctification of God's name, the coming of his Kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. In the other four petitions, we present our wants to God so that our lives will be nourished, healed of sin, and made victorious in the struggle of good over evil.

ACTIVITY

Illustrating the Lord's Prayer As a family, make a mural illustrating the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. (Refer to page 144.) Display the mural in a prominent place for all the family to see.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

As you pray the Lord's Prayer, remember that these are the words that Jesus gave us to pray to his Father.

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Saint of the Week



Blessed Julian of Norwich (1342–c. 1416)

Julian of Norwich is one of the great English mystics. She spent her days in prayer and solitude and experienced 16 "showings," or visions, from God. She wrote about her visions in her book, *Revelations of Divine Love*.

Feast Day: May 13



Dear Lord, our deepest desire is to grow close to you. Help us to follow the example of Blessed Julian and make spending time in prayer with you our priority. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Remission of Debt In Old Testament times, when the primary goal of borrowers was to obtain relief from need, biblical law considered the lending of money or goods to be a philanthropic act. Further, the poor or needy were considered as kin by the Israelites. Biblical law also mandated the “relaxation” of all debts every sabbatical, or seventh, year (Deuteronomy 15:1–11). Thus, when Jesus taught his followers to pray the Lord’s Prayer and ask to be forgiven as they forgive their debtors, the Jewish people would have understood what he meant.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Architecture

Mont-Saint-Michel Mont-Saint-Michel is a small rocky island off the northwestern coast of France. According to legend, in the eighth century, the Archangel Michael appeared to Saint Aubert, bishop of Avranches, and instructed him to build a church on the island. Aubert built a small chapel, and then in 966, an ambitious Benedictine abbey was built. During the Hundred Years War, Mont-Saint-Michel was the only place in northwestern France not seized by the English. This led to the belief that the island truly was protected by the Archangel Michael. Today Mont-Saint-Michel is maintained by the French government and is visited each year by thousands of pilgrims from around the world.