

Getting Ready for Chapter 16

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We Pray Like Jesus

We call God “our Father” because Jesus asked us to, and we pray the Lord’s Prayer because Jesus taught it to us. In Chapter 16, children learn to pray the Lord’s Prayer with an understanding of its meaning. The children will also identify the parts of the day in which they might pray.

ACTIVITY

Daily Bread The bread that we eat every day may be very different from the bread Jesus ate, or from the breads eaten in other parts of the world. Serve a variety of breads this week (raisin, pita, sourdough, French, Italian, cornbread). Talk about how daily bread is needed by everyone.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Say a prayer of gratitude for the life-affirming bread of the Eucharist.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Francis Solano
(1549–1610)

Born in Spain, Francis Solano became a missionary to the New World in 1589. Fr. Francis ministered to Indians and Spanish colonists in Peru. He often played the lute and sang at Mass.

Patron Saint of: Chile and Peru
Feast Day: July 14



A Prayer for the Week

Saint Francis Solano prayed with music and song in different languages. O Lord, help us learn many ways to pray to you. Help us to always pray with an open heart. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Synagogues There was only one Temple, and it was in Jerusalem. There, Jews prayed and made sacrificial offerings. Synagogues, however, were spread throughout the Holy Land. Here, Jews assembled to pray, read Scripture, and hear teachings based on that Scripture. Prayers often focused on readings from the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible), and the prophets. Two central prayers in Judaism—the *Shema* and the *Amidah*—were included.

You can read Isaiah 61:1–2 to reflect on the Scripture Jesus later prayed in a synagogue.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Symbols

Blessed Palms In Jesus' time, people sometimes used objects as they prayed. Palm branches were used during prayers of praise. The waving branches symbolized victory. Jesus' followers held palm branches during his triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his passion and death.

Palms are blessed at the beginning of the Palm Sunday liturgy. The ashes crossed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday come from burned palms. Some families place palms around a hanging crucifix or holy picture. Another tradition is braiding palms into crosses.