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The Commandments and the Lord's Prayer

One of the ways we express our relationship with God is through prayer. The prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer, should be the model for all the praying that we do. This prayer is an example of the relationship that God invites us into—one of the closest of relationships, that of parent and child. This lesson features the Lord's Prayer and its meaning for us as Christians.

ACTIVITY

Prayer Card Take a large index card or a piece of colored posterboard, about six inches long by two inches wide and write the words to the Lord's Prayer on it. Decorate it with stickers or drawings. Seal it with clear-plastic contact paper. Punch a hole in the top and run a piece of ribbon or yarn through it. Now you have a prayer card that you can use as a bookmark.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Pray the Lord's Prayer at Mass with a special feeling of gratitude that God invited us to call him Father.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Peter of Alcantara
(1499–1562)

Saint Peter became a Franciscan when he was 16 and ordained a priest at 25. He was known for his preaching and lived a private life in deep prayer when he wasn't conducting missions. Saint Peter helped reform his religious order and helped Saint Teresa of Ávila do the same with hers.

Patron Saint of: Brazil
Feast Day: October 19



A Prayer for the Week

We are your children, Lord, because you told us to call you Father. Help us to pray deeply to you like Saint Peter of Alcantara did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

Before the Time of Jesus

Father In biblical times, a father had certain responsibilities toward his family. As head of the household, he protected his children and provided for their spiritual and physical needs. It was a father's duty to discipline his children and to oversee their religious studies. He had special obligations to his sons, such as having them circumcised and helping them learn a trade.

Jesus taught us to address God as Father in the Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:5–13.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Music

Sung Prayer The Lord's Prayer has been set to music many times. Perhaps the best-known rendition is by Albert Hay Malotte. Perry Como, host of a TV show in the 1950s and 1960s, sang this song on his show. Since then, modern-day composers such as Leonard Bernstein and Dave Brubeck have written and recorded new musical versions of the Lord's Prayer.