

Prayers of Petition

We offer prayers of petition to ask God's forgiveness.
We also ask God for help to bring love, peace, and justice to the world.

Read the psalms of petition below. For each, decide if it is *A Prayer for Forgiveness* or *A Prayer for Help*. Complete each prayer with your own words.

Psalm 143:1,10

Lord, hear my prayer;
in your faithfulness listen to my pleading;
answer me in your justice.
Teach me to do your will.

Prayers will vary.

A Prayer for _____ **Help** _____

Psalm 71:1

In you Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue and deliver me;
listen to me and save me!

Prayers will vary.

A Prayer for _____ **Help** _____

Psalm 51:3-4, 12

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness;...
Wash away all my guilt;
from my sin cleanse me...
A clean heart create for me, God.

Prayers will vary.

A Prayer for _____ **Forgiveness** _____

Psalm 32:1,5

Happy the sinner whose fault is removed,
whose sin is forgiven...
I declared my sin to you;
my guilt I did not hide.

Prayers will vary.

A Prayer for _____ **Forgiveness** _____

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: During his time on earth, Jesus prayed the Psalms. He taught us that through prayer we grow in our understanding of God's loving plan for us. Through these psalm prayers of petition your child has an opportunity to become closer to God.