

XVII SUNDAY GOSPEL
24th OF JULY 2022 CYCLE C



TEACH ME,



TO PRAY

SETTING

Lord, teach me to pray, to talk to you, to open ourselves to you, to widen our soul and our hearts.

In your presence, making inner silence, I let myself be carried away by your infinite mercy, compassion and friendship.

I want to walk your paths, which are none other than those of the life that flows around me, which are the affairs and circumstances of the people, your people, and the little people.

May my style be yours and my words flow from yours; may my gestures be light for all walkers.

May your wisdom guide me to be and do more and better.

SONG. As the deer –M'concept

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrv_sg3OV20

GOSPEL – Luke 11, 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he finished, one of his disciples said to him: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them: "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your Name, your Kingdom come, give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of temptation. He also told them: "If one of you has a friend and, going to him at midnight, says: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him. And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already closed, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give them to you", I tell you, even though he will not get up to give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs." I say to you, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Is there anything among you who, what father is there among you?" that if your son asks for a fish, instead of a fish he gives him a snake, or if he asks for an egg, does he give him a scorpion? If, then, you, being evil, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We deepen the gospel

Although it may surprise us, we must admit that Jesus did not invent the words that make up the Lord's Prayer: Those words come from the Jewish liturgy and, more deeply, from the Scriptures. The vocabulary, in fact, is very biblical: "Father, Name, Holy, Kingdom, bread, sins, temptations..."

Let us therefore contemplate the first two petitions: pedagogically, they make us look first towards God and teach us to say "Your name", "Your Kingdom". These petitions educate our desire and commit us to the growth of the Kingdom. It is, without a doubt, a school of prayer, or if we prefer it, a method of learning prayer. Let us not forget the disciple's request: "Lord, teach us to pray".

Keeping them provided, this lesson can be compared to certain ways of learning foreign languages: they invite us to a small daily effort, a small repetition each day and, little by little, we find ourselves

impregnated by the language and we end up knowing how to speak it. Well, if we follow the method of Jesus, thanks to the Lord's Prayer, we will end up speaking the language of God, and the first word is: "Father." The invocation "Our Father" places us from the outset in a filial relationship with Him.

The first two requests refer to the Name and the Kingdom: "Hallowed be your name": In the Bible, the Name represents the Person. This request means: "Make you recognized as God".

"Thy Kingdom come": repeated daily, this request, little by little, will make us workers of the Kingdom because God's will is that humanity, united by his love, be queen of creation: "Fill the earth and dominate it" (Gn 1, 27).

The three petitions that follow concern our daily life: "Give us", "Forgive us" "Do not let us fall". We know for a fact that God does not fail to fulfil all that, but the request means that we take the position of welcoming the gifts of him.

"Give us this day our daily bread": the manna that fell each morning in the desert educated the people to trust in "day to day". This request, then, invites us not to worry about tomorrow and to receive, every day, our food as a gift from God.

Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. "God cannot do evil or tempt anyone". And we know that, in us, the most serious temptation is to doubt the love of God.

How many requests! But, reflecting, we can say that we are facing a good learning of humility and trust.

Clues for the Prayer

What does the text say? (Reading)

What God is telling me through this text? (Meditation)

How do I dialogue with God with what the text tells me? (Prayer)

How do I feel the presence of God in my life? (Contemplation)

How do I put into practice the message of the word of God in my real life? (Action)

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Jami Sieber - Tell It by Heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaNQLSHUUvI>

**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE-
PRAY WITH YOU**

PRAY WITH LIFE

Praying is looking at you

and look at life.
It is accepting your word
and make it mine, ours.
Is to welcome your gestures
and transform them into life.
Teach us to pray, Lord.
I ask to be more you
and less me.
I seek to find myself
with you in person.
I call for others
listen to your voice,
the one that transforms,
change and update.
I feel that your word
and your presence
flood my life
and take it to the most,
and be better.
With a united heart
to your roots, I make a way.
You take me, you send me,
to be the best version
of myself
Make life possible.
Make dialogue possible
and the meeting.
Humour relationships.
Let us make it possible
minute by minute, your Kingdom.
The one who speaks of justice,
the one who builds peace,
that which is based on love.
Silence, simplicity and depth.

SONG. Lord teach me to pray – David Jackson

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