



XVII Sunday of the OT July 27/25 – Cycle C



TALKING TO GOD WITHOUT APPEARANCES



ATMOSPHERE

Today the central theme is prayer, that moment in which we connect with God from the deepest. It is not a matter of saying many nice words, but of speaking to Him sincerely, from the heart. Jesus Himself teaches us that it is not necessary to show oneself to others in order to pray; the important thing is to do it with humility and truth.

Human beings have always felt the need to communicate with God, and that is to pray, to open the heart to Him. Today the Word reminds us that prayer is not optional, it is essential.

In a world that sometimes forgets God, praying is like turning on a light. Let us listen carefully to the Gospel and let it inspire us to speak more with God in secret and with confidence.

SINGING. THIRSTY – SERTRES AND CARLOS SEOANE

<https://youtu.be/CrQVRvSxT9I?si=87pXfHUidLum8CU>

GOSPEL – Luke 11:1-13

"And it happens, as He was praying in a certain place, when He had finished, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us how to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say, Father, sanctified, for we also forgive everyone who owes us, and do not lead us into temptation.' He also said to them, 'If one of you has a friend, and he comes to him at midnight, and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has come to my house on a journey, and I have nothing to offer him,' and the friend of mine from within answers, 'Do not disturb me; the door is already closed, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give them to you,' I assure you, that if he does not get up to give them because he is his friend, at least he will get up because of his importunity, and give to 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; he who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, will be opened. What father is there among you who, if his son asks him 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 you, then, 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!"

To deepen the Word of God today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Gen 18:20-32. Abraham believes in God's justice and immeasurable mercy, willing to forgive a multitude of sins.

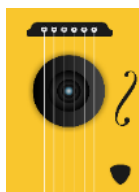
Psalms 137. God is faithful. "He does not stop the work of His hands." Merciful, only listen to His heart.

Col 2:12-14. Through Baptism, the sacrament of faith, believers pass with Christ from death to life. God's forgiveness creates new men, clothed with the freedom of the Risen One.

Lk 11:1-13. Jesus did not invent the words that make up the Lord's Prayer: Those words come from the Jewish liturgy and, more profoundly, from Scriptures. The vocabulary, in fact, is very biblical: Father, Name, Holy One, Kingdom, bread, sins, temptations... The first two petitions: pedagogically, they make us look first to God and teach us to say "Your name", "Your Kingdom". It is, without a doubt, a school of prayer, or if we prefer, a method of learning how to pray. Let us not forget the disciple's request: "Lord, teach us how to pray". The invocation "Our Father" places us from the outset in a filial relationship with God. The first two petitions refer to the Name and the Kingdom: "Hallowed be thy name": In the Bible, the Name represents the Person. This request means: "Make yourself recognized as God." "Thy kingdom come." The three petitions that follow concern our daily lives: "Give us," "Forgive us," "Do not let us fall." We know for sure that God does not fail to fulfill all this, but the petition means that we adopt the position of welcoming His gifts. So many requests! But, on reflection, we can say that we are facing a good learning of humility and trust.

Clues for Prayer

- What do you need to ask God the Father today?
- Share your experience with Him.
- As a community, what do we need to ask from our heart?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

BALANCE – DAVID MÓDICA

<https://youtu.be/8Ou2QIIISyPU?si=x9Hgb2MRn-zhPFKs>

BECAUSE – DAVID MÓDICA

<https://youtu.be/CyMYtkg74-c?si=i1FHXANeZgpxpwDY>

NO FILTER, JUST GOD AND YOU

Lord, teach me how to pray,
to be with you.

I don't want empty words,
or memorized phrases
without a soul.

I want to speak to you as Jesus
spoke to the Father, with truth,
with surrender, with love.

Teach me to enter into silence,
to seek you without haste,
to find in your presence
the strength that, in noise,
I sometimes lose.

Teach me how to forgive,
even if it hurts,
even if I don't understand,
because only then will I be able
to feel your peace.

Make prayer not a habit,
but a fire that transforms me.

Lord, may my prayer
not remain intimate,
may it become a gesture, a word,
a service.

May I bring your light
to those who walk in difficulty
when I leave your presence.

I commit myself to live
what I pray,
to seek you also in others,
to be an answer to the pleas
of the world, of humanity,
and to build, with you,
a Kingdom of love.

Lord, teach me how to pray,
to feel life again and again,
to listen to the cry,
of the earth, of the poor man,
until to pray may be to live
and to live, to be with You.

SINGING. TELL ME FATHER – HAKUNA

<https://youtu.be/vfwSnpLsk6c?si=IqscYKAjNc61NWcH>



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