

Prayer and Liturgy at home

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Each week we will be sending out Prayer and Liturgy which you can carry out as a family at home. The theme of the week will be shared with you on a Friday. Prayer and Liturgy is a way of praying and talking to God.

This is a time to come together to:

- Gather—having a quiet reflective place to begin by making the sign of the cross.
- Listen to the Word—A Gospel reading or a Parable to read together and to listen to God.
- Respond by talking about the message of the Gospel—reflecting, meditating, saying prayers, offering thanks for the week.
- Going Forth to share the Word with other family members of the message you would like to give.

We would love to see some examples of you sharing your prayer and liturgy at home as a family through pictures, your responses and just coming together to gather and think about the message of the Gospel.

Prayer and Liturgy:

Gather—have a quiet space with a Bible, a cross and a candle.

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You can begin with an opening of what the Prayer and Liturgy is about: **This week's Prayer and Liturgy is all the Parable of the Tenants.**

As we think about the Gospel passage we think about how some people responded to God's messengers. Jesus is talking to some of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. God sends people to help us love and obey him. How do we respond to them? If we are like the wicked tenants in the parable, then we need to change our ways if we want to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Word: Read the Gospel Passage together. This week our Gospel tells us about the Parable of the Talents:
Matthew 21: 33-43-

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to his story: "A land owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower.

"Then rented out his vineyard and left the country. "When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way.

"Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters. Because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said, 'Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves.' So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him."

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?" The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of the grapes at harvest time."

"Jesus replied, "Surely you know that the Scriptures say, "The stone that the builders tossed aside is not the most important stone of all. This is something the Lord has done, and it is amazing to us.' "I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands."

Before we reflect let us think about what the parable is showing

The owner of the Vineyard is God.

The people are who the man sends to deliver a message to the tenants are the prophets.

**This week we have been thinking about
the picture of the grapes symbolises us all and how we come together as one.**

Respond:

Think about how you can respond to the Gospel reading. This may be by singing a hymn, saying prayers, reflecting on the reading.

Respond to the Gospel by thinking about:

We are all like a bunch of grapes and we all make the different grapes. We are all different in shape, colour and size and are different and unique in own way which makes us all special. We need to think about how we can accept and help all those who are different and unique and how we all fit into the bunch of grapes.

We think about how we need to take care of the world, how we can think about changes which need to be made to make our school a better place, our world a better place and how we can pray for everyone in our world to help them to be their own grape. As we reflect upon the Gospel and think about how we can all be the good grape which is special, kind and unique who thinks about others and the world we live in.

As we reflect upon the words we have heard we think about:

Think about how the picture of the grapes symbolises us all and how we come together as one.

Think about: 1. Describe a bunch of grapes. How do they look and taste?

2. In a family or school we are like a bunch of grapes. Are we all the same size and colour? Talk about how we are all different. What can each of us do to help those who are different, to fit in and feel a part of the bunch of grapes?

3. What do we do when we hear or see people saying mean words to another?

4. Discuss we can all help to take care of the world we live in. How can we pray for those in the world? How can we make the world a better place?

Listen to the song :

- ◆ We are the World, We are the Children
- ◆ God will make a way

End by praying the Rosary together or a decade of the Rosary with an Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and one Glory be.

Hail Mary, Mother of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our Daily Bread, and forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and forever. Amen.

Make the sign of the cross together: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Go Forth: Think about how as a family you can carry out what is being asked in the Gospel.

Try to pray the Rosary every day as a family thinking about who to pray for and how you can help others.

At home take time to pray together over the coming week and think about who you want to pray for and offer the Rosary up for them.