



First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

Faith Step #8 Prayer (2nd Grade)

We are a companionship of faith on a spiritual adventure following Jesus Christ.



Faith Step Marker

A **holding cross** can help to focus you on prayer. It can be used when you pray by yourself, or can be passed around a table or family circle to give everyone a turn at sharing their prayers (either silently or aloud). It reminds us that because God came to earth in the person of Jesus, we can talk to God anytime and our prayers will be heard. As you hold the cross for prayer, remember that God is holding you in everlasting arms.



Bible Verse (NRSV)

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4



We Believe – *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q46—*Why do we pray to God?*

Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.

Q47—*What do we do when we pray?*

When we pray, we adore God, we confess our sins, we give thanks and we pray for the needs of others and ourselves.



Caring Conversations

- Who taught you to pray?
- What is your favorite prayer?
- What makes a good prayer?
- How and when does God answer prayers?



Music

- *All Around the World Kids are Praying*
- *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven* (Presbyterian Hymnal #589)
- *All Night, All Day*

Faith-filled Actions



- Pick a place in your home to be used for quiet prayer. What would you like in that space? A special pillow or chair? A cross or copy of the Lord's Prayer or the Bible? Set up your space and take time to be in it together as you say a quiet prayer as a family.
- Make a 7-day prayer chart. Commit to praying for the people and things you write on the chart each day for a whole week.

Prayer



Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debt, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Books (available in church library)

for Children

- *I Can Pray with Jesus: The Lord's Prayer for Children* by Debbie Trafton O'Neal
- *Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children* by Frank Jelenek. Paraclete Press
- *Prayers for Each and Every Day* by Sophie Piper. Paraclete Press
- *Prayers for a Better World* by Sophie Piper. Paraclete Press
- *This is What I Pray Today: The Divine Hours Prayers for Children* by Phyllis Tickle. Dutton Juvenile

for Parents

- *Will Our Children have Faith?* by John Westerhoff

On the Web

- www.creeds.net/reformed/belonging/catechism.pdf
Belonging to God: A First Catechism (Questions 46-60)
- www.genonministries.org/genon-home/helping-parents
Family 'round the Table (iPhone app)

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