

PARENT 3: Give us this day our daily bread.

We pray that these children may always turn to God in trusting faith and love for all their needs, and that our brothers and sisters throughout the world may never lack daily bread.

LORD HEAR US

PARENT 4: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We pray that we may love one another as Jesus loves us and that we may always have hearts that are ready to forgive.

LORD HEAR US

PARENT 5: And lead us not into temptation.

We pray that our hearts will always be set on God and that we will always turn to him for help in times of temptation.

LORD HEAR US

PRESIDER:

Father we thank you for the way Jesus taught us to pray.

We ask that these candidates whom we have presented with this prayer will love and cherish it.

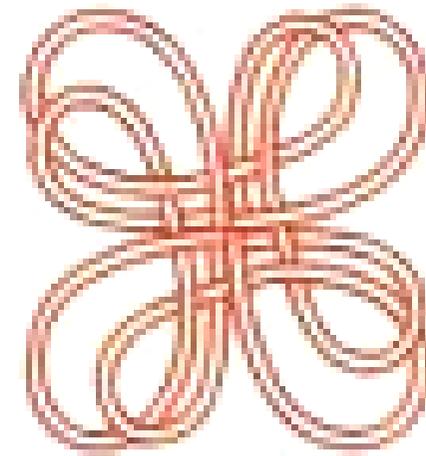
Through it may they come to know you as their loving Father and to worship you as the one, true God.

May they always turn to you in their needs and seek from you in prayer the strength to follow Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Presentation of the



Our Father

*Liturgical Rites on the way to the completion
of Christian initiation*

Presider:

As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, the parents of these children have taught them to pray. In this celebration today they will present them with the Lord's Prayer, a summary of how we should pray. I now invite our candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion to come forward and kneel, while we pray that each of them will be filled with a spirit of prayer.

*A catechist calls each candidate by name
Candidates come forwards and kneel in front of the altar*

*The Presider lays hands on each candidate in turn
while the community prays in silence*

Presider: I invite our candidates to now stand around the altar to listen to the gospel reading where our Lord Jesus teaches his followers how to pray.

*Candidates make their way to the altar and stand
in a semi-circle to listen to the Gospel*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said to his disciples:

'Say this when you pray:

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 us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.'

*The children return to their seats
and the presider explains the meaning and importance
of the Lord's Prayer.*

*Then there follows prayers of intercession for the children led by
their parents.*

Parent 1: Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. May these candidates to whom we have presented the Lord's Prayer come to live this prayer, and pray it with simple, faithful trust. LORD HEAR US

Parent 2: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray that God's kingdom may grow daily in all our lives as we try to do what he wants. LORD HEAR US