

Family Liturgy



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7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a green cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety.



GATHER

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

COLLECT

Lord God, help us to follow you more closely as we listen to your words in the gospel. Amen.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to **Matthew 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You know you have been taught,

‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you.

“When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek.

If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well.

If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles.

When people ask you for something, give it to them.

When they want to borrow money, loan it to them.

“You have heard people say, ‘Love your neighbors and hate your enemies.’

But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you.

Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven.

“He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people.

And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong.

“If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that?

Even tax collectors love their friends.

If you greet only your friends, what is so great about that? Don’t even unbelievers do that?

But you must always act like your Father in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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REFLECT

I wonder how this story makes you feel?

I wonder if you think that this is hard to do?

I wonder how we can ask Gods help to be more loving?

I wonder what Jesus is asking us through this story?

I wonder why Jesus asks this of us?

I wonder how we can best show Gods love to the world?

I wonder if you know any of the saints who are known to have lived in these ways...

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Let us pray for all the needs of our family, our parish, our community, our world and all the Church. Let us name who you would like to pray for today.

We gather all our prayers as we pray THE LORD'S PRAYER together



DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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ENDING SONG

Create a New Heart (Psalm 51)



ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring page:

Puzzle:

