

# We Pray

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## WE GATHER

✝ **Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right and just.

## 🎵 Sing Hosanna

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing it for Jesus. Sing it for Jesus.  
Sing it for friendship.  
Sing it for friendship.

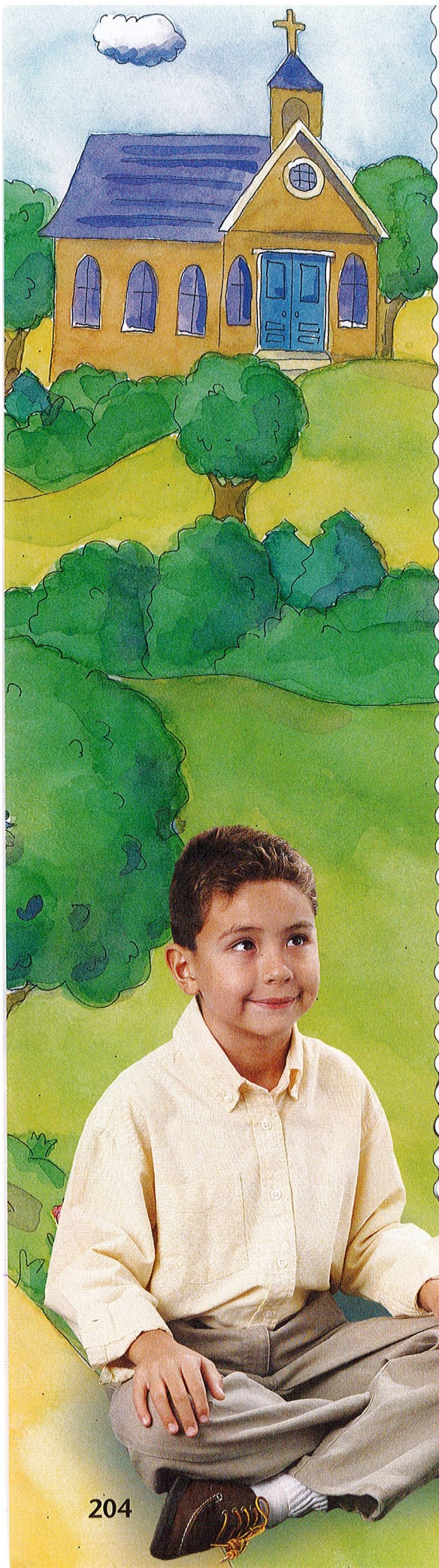
Sing it forever. Sing it forever.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna! Sing!

Play the conga! Play the conga!  
Play it for Jesus. Play it for Jesus.  
Play it for friendship.  
Play it for friendship.

Play it forever. Play it forever.  
Play the conga! Play the conga!  
Play the conga drum!

☀ When do you talk to other people? When do you listen to other people?





## WE BELIEVE

### Prayer keeps us close to God.

We can grow closer to God through prayer. **Prayer** is talking and listening to God. No matter how we pray, God is with us.

We talk to God about different things. We share the things we are thinking about. Sometimes we ask for help or forgiveness. Other times we thank God for his love, or ask his blessing.

God is always there to hear our prayer. He knows what we need and takes care of us.

Prayer is listening to God, too. God speaks to us at Mass, through the sacraments, and through the words of the Bible. He speaks to us through Church leaders and through all who show us his love.



Who has taught you to pray?

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## Jesus prayed to God his Father.

When Jesus was growing up, he learned to pray. He prayed with Mary and Joseph. They also gathered with other Jewish families to pray.

They all traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate religious holidays. The **Temple** is the holy place in Jerusalem where the Jewish People worshiped God.

As Jesus grew older he continued to pray. He wanted to be close to God his Father. He asked his Father to be with him. He thanked his Father for his many blessings.

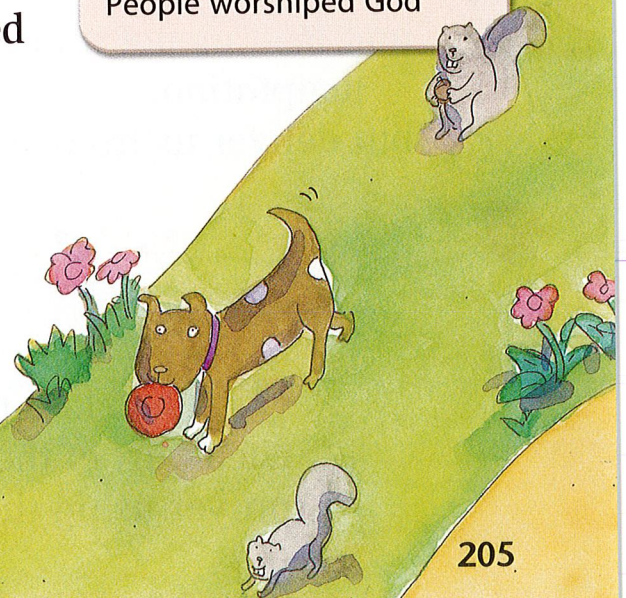
Jesus often went off by himself to pray. Jesus also prayed when he was with his family, friends, and disciples.

 Name some times when you pray by yourself. Name some times when you pray with others.

### Key Words

**prayer** talking and listening to God

**Temple** the holy place in Jerusalem where the Jewish People worshiped God







## Jesus teaches us to pray.

Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray as Jesus did. One day they asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer.  
It is also called the Our Father.



### The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.


We talk to God.  
We praise him as our  
loving Father.

We ask that all people will  
know and share God's love.  
This is what God wants for  
all of us.

We ask God to give us what we  
need. We remember all people  
who are hungry or poor.

We ask God to forgive us.  
We need to forgive others.

We ask God to keep us safe  
from anything that goes  
against his love.

 As a class make up prayerful actions for each part of the Our Father. Then pray the prayer using the actions.



## We pray as Jesus did.


There are many reasons to pray.

We pray:

- to ask God for help
- to tell God how beautiful the world is
- to ask God to forgive us
- to pray for someone in need
- to thank God for his love
- to ask for God's blessing for us and others.

When we pray we can use our own words. We can also use prayers that we have learned. We use many of these prayers when we pray together.

Praying together is an important part of being a member of the Church. As a parish we join together to celebrate the Eucharist and the other sacraments.

 There are other times when our parish prays together. Talk about some of these times.

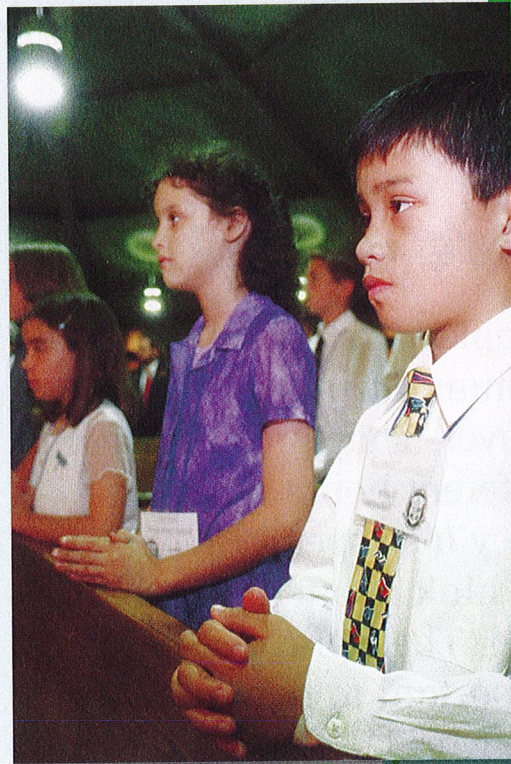
## WE RESPOND

Think about one way you and your family will pray this week. Now sit quietly. Talk and listen to God.

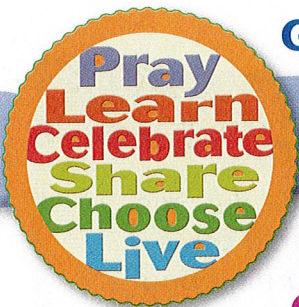
## As Catholics...

At special times of the day, many members of the Church come together to pray. Morning and evening are two of these special times. At morning prayer and evening prayer, people gather to pray and sing psalms. They listen to readings from the Bible. They pray for the whole world. They thank God for his creation. Many religious communities gather in their chapels for morning and evening prayer. Your parish may gather, too.

Find out if your parish gathers to celebrate morning and evening prayer.







# PROJECT

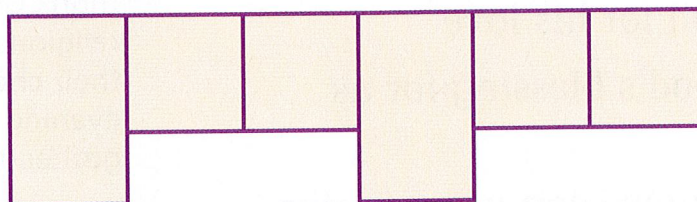
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Write the **Key Words** into the word shapes.

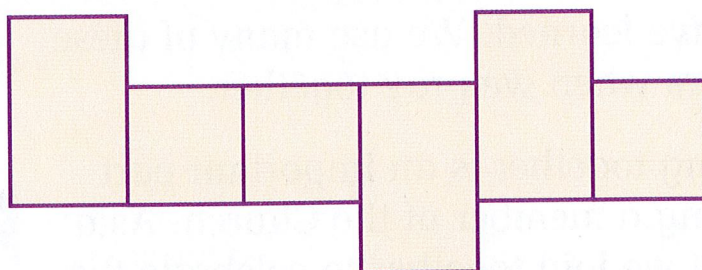
prayer

Temple

Talking and listening to God

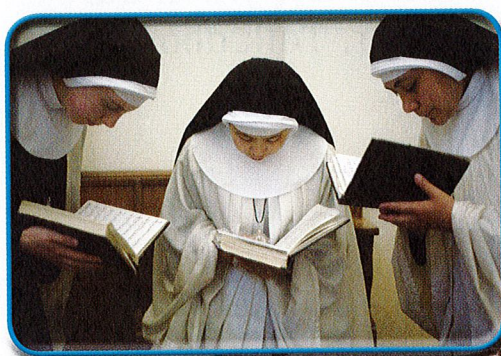


The holy place in Jerusalem where the Jewish People worshiped God



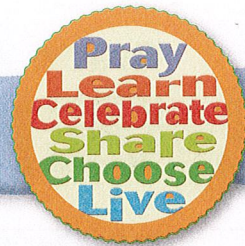
### More *to* Explore

People in religious communities live a life of prayer. They pray together at different hours each day. They also spend time alone to think about and pray to God. Their prayers are very important to the Church and the world.





# DISCIPLE



Choose the correct way through the maze by praying the Our Father.



## Take Home

Learn this prayer as a family.  
Pray it together in the evenings.

### Evening Prayer

Dear God, before we go to sleep, we want to thank you for this day so full of your kindness and your joy. We close our eyes to rest safe in your loving care.

## Make it Happen

What is your favorite prayer?  
Share it.



# CHAPTER TEST

**Circle the correct answer.**

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|---|------------|-----------|
| 1. Did Jesus always pray by himself?                          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Is prayer talking and listening to God?                    | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Is the Hail Mary the prayer Jesus taught to his disciples? | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Can we use our own words to pray?                          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |

**Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.**

5. God \_\_\_\_\_ listens to our prayer.  
 always                                       sometimes
6. Praying together is \_\_\_\_\_ part of being a member of the Church.  
 not an important                               an important
7. Another name for the Lord's Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Hail Mary                                       Our Father
8. Prayer was \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.  
 not important                                       important

**9-10. Write two things we ask God when we pray the Lord's Prayer.**

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