

Prayers of the People (for children)

Parents, the following is a prayer format you can teach to your children and use as a family. It has been modified from Prayers of the People in *The Book of Common Prayer*, which is a worship manual that has been held “in common” by Christians since the sixteenth century.

Choose someone to serve as leader, who prays the line aloud. Family members respond praying the italicized text. Text in parenthesis are directions; pray as instructed, based on the prompt given.

Lord, we give you praise...

(pray silently or aloud – give God praise for who he is and what he does/has done)

Lord, we pray for your holy Church;

Make us united in you.

Help us to serve you faithfully;

That the world may see you and you receive glory.

We pray for all ministers of your Church;

Help them be good shepherds for your people.

We pray for all those who do not know or follow you;

Your grace is at work in their lives – may they see and accept your great love.

We pray for all leaders, here and around the world;

Give them wisdom. May they make choices that honor you.

Lord, give us grace to obey your will;

Help us live and love like Jesus.

Have compassion on all who are sad, lonely, sick, or suffering;

Be with them and comfort them.

We remember all saints and loved ones who are in heaven with you;

Help us be faithful, so we may see you, and them, one day.

We pray for the needs of our family, church, and community...

(pray silently or aloud)

Thank you, Lord, for all your provision and blessings...

(give God thanks silently or aloud)

Almighty God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, we praise you. Thank you for hearing our prayer. We trust you to answer our prayers according to your will, which is always good.

We pray these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.