

Family Prayer before First Reconciliation

The following prayers are intended to help your family focus more deeply on the celebration of First Reconciliation that will be taking place soon. Through these prayers, you and your child will be praying for guidance as you continue to grow as disciples and continue your journey of faith together. By making the time to pray these short, daily prayers as a family, you will be reinforcing for everyone the importance of these final days of preparation.

Sunday before the Celebration of First Reconciliation

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; / the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!" (Matthew 5:3). The poor in spirit are grateful for all of God's gifts.

Children: We thank you, dear God, for all the wonderful people and gifts you have given us to lead us in your love.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.

Monday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: "Happy are those who mourn; / God will comfort them!" (Matthew 5:4). Those who mourn care about the sorrows and needs of others.

Children: We always pray for our family and friends who are worried or in need. We hope that they will be filled with hope in you.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.



Tuesday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: “Happy are those who are humble; / they will receive what God has promised!” (Matthew 5:5). Those who are meek and humble do not always put themselves first. They always want good things for others as well as themselves.

Children: Jesus, teach us to be patient and to help others enjoy the gifts your Father has given all of us.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.

Wednesday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; / God will satisfy them fully!” (Matthew 5:6). When we care about fairness and justice, and when we try to help those who are treated unfairly, we are doing the work of God.

Children: God our Father, we ask that you always remind us through our Church of the needs of the poor and the forgotten.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.

Thursday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: “Happy are those who are merciful to others; / God will be merciful to them!” (Matthew 5:7). When we are merciful, we treat others with kindness, even though they may have done things that hurt us. We forgive and hope for their friendship.

Children: Help us, dear God, always to be forgiving and kind.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.



Friday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: "Happy are the pure in heart; / they will see God!" (Matthew 5:8). The pure in heart always see opportunities for good, and they turn away from things that are harmful.

Children: We ask you, dear God, to help us always to remember that you are with us, helping us and guiding us.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.

Saturday

Children: Lord Jesus, teach us how to live.

All: Bless us in all we do in your name.

Parent: "Happy are those who work for peace; / God will call them his children!" (Matthew 5:9). Peacemakers are the people who encourage us to live in harmony with one another. To be peacemakers, we can start by thinking of the needs and gifts of those around us.

Children: Help us, dear God, to try as hard as we can to always think of others and to work at reconciliation.

Parents: God our Father, help us during this week to prepare our children to celebrate your love and forgiveness.

All: Let us share together the wonderful mercy of God. Amen.

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