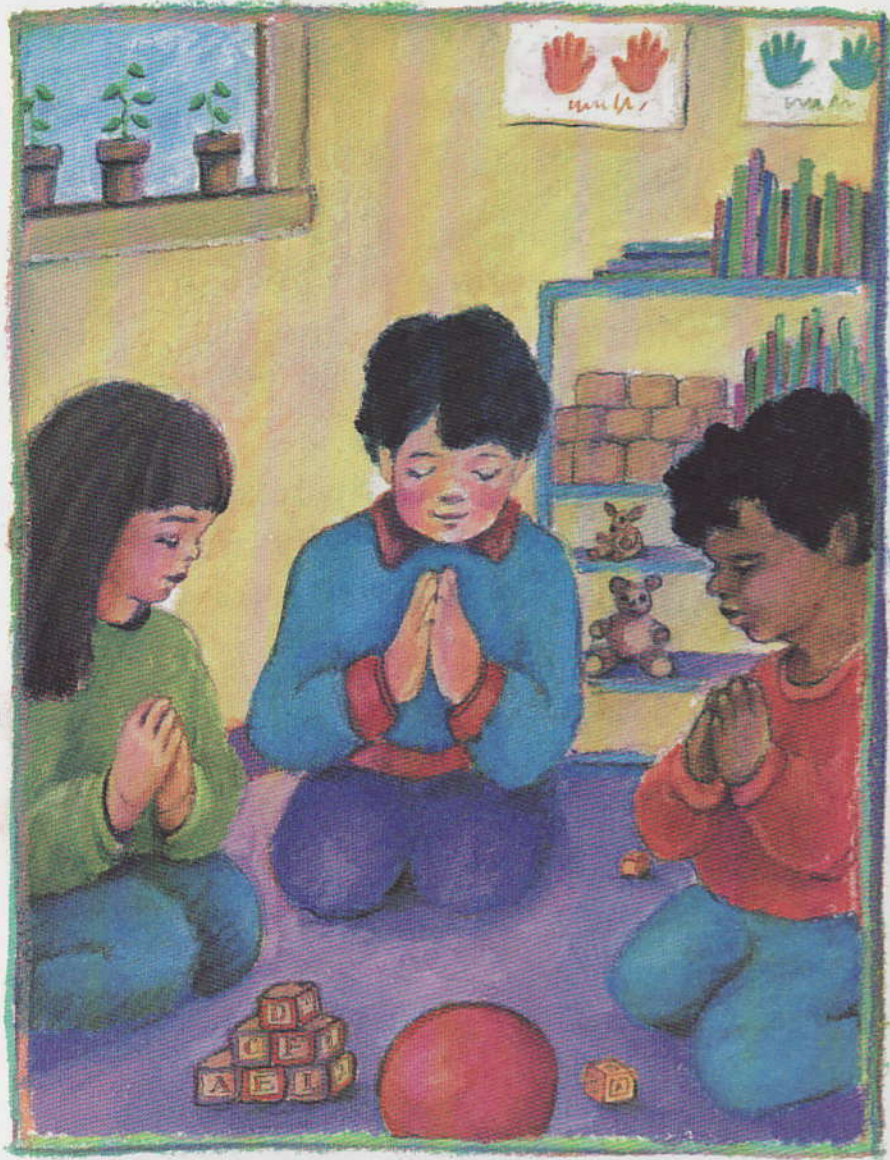


LET US PRAY





Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good.
In all we do in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.
Amen.



*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may love and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Most loving God, we confess to you
the wrong things we have done,
in thought, word, and deed.
Forgive us for what we have done
and for what we have left undone.
Amen.



*Let us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.*

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you, God, for everything.
Amen.

Let us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us

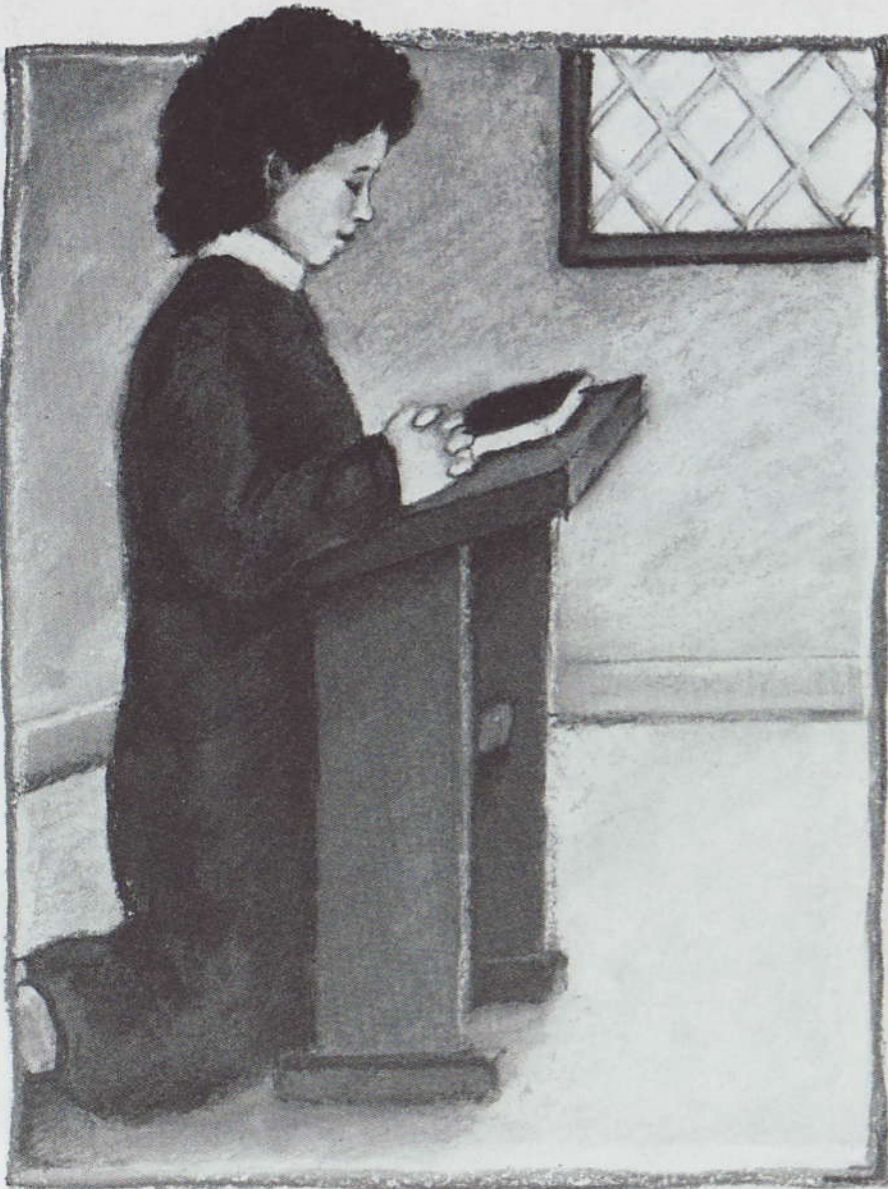


*Heavenly Father, watch with us
over your children, and grant that they may
be restored to that perfect health which it is
yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

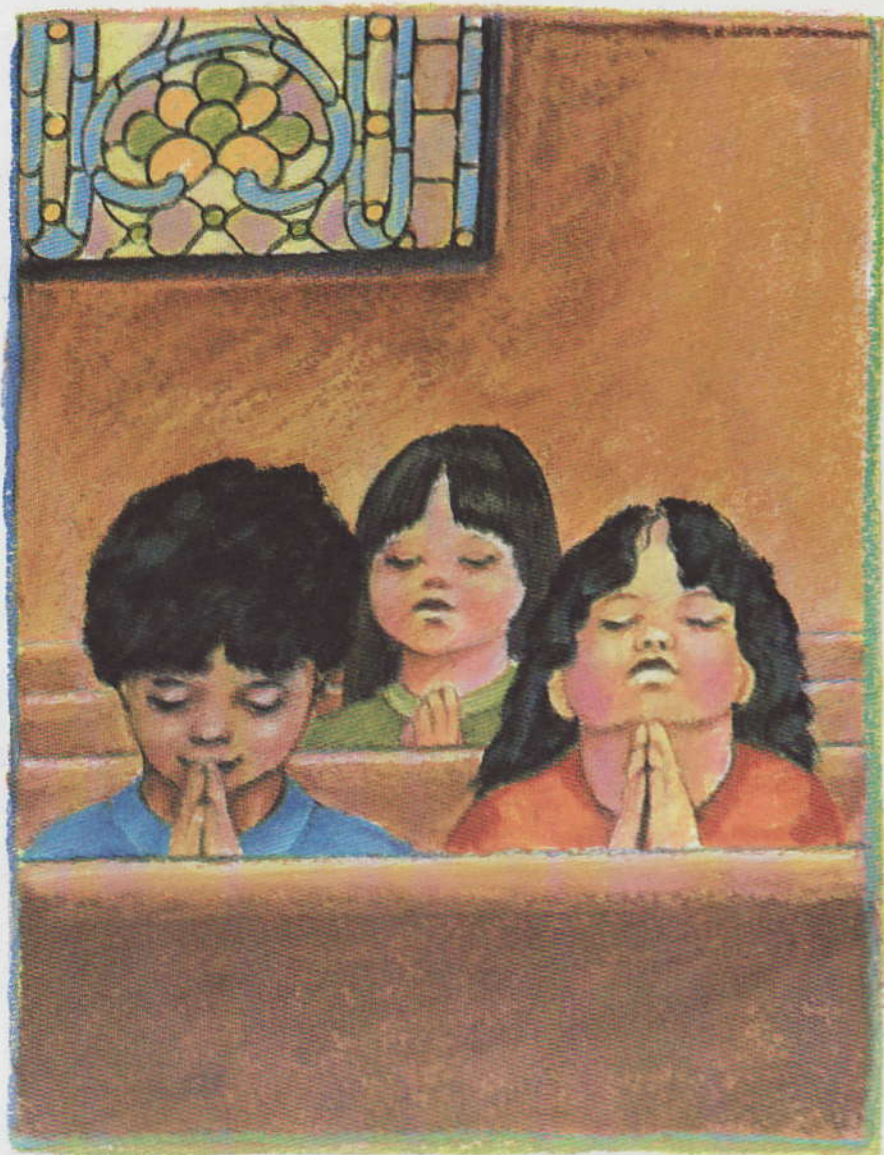
Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask you to stay
Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care,
And take us to heaven,
to live with you there.
Amen.



*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*



Day by day, dear Lord,
Of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.
Amen.



Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their
daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.*

Prayer is a gift, in all our hearts, your love and grace begin
and finish us with your constant help that in all our work begins
continued and ended in your love, your love, your love, Amen.



*Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe,
for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For health, and food, and love
and friends,
We thank you, heavenly Father. Amen.



God is great,
God is good,
Let us thank him for this food. Amen.



Bless, O Lord, this food to our use
and us to your loving service. Amen.



*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.*

Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me,
Bless thy little lamb tonight.
Through the darkness be Thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light.
Amen.



CHRISTMAS

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.

EASTER

Dear God, we praise you for
the glorious joy of Easter.
Help us to rejoice in the
resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

PENTECOST

O Lord our God, give us by
thy Holy Spirit a willing heart
and a ready hand to use all thy gifts
to thy praise and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Pray

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