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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." "Since the Lord... after handing over the practice of prayer, said elsewhere, 'Ask and you will receive,' and since everyone has petitions which are peculiar to his circumstances, the regular and appropriate prayer [the Lord's Prayer] is said first, as the foundation of further desires."

Abba, Father! Before we make our own this first exclamation of the Lord's Prayer, we must humbly cleanse our hearts of certain false images drawn "from this world." Humility makes us recognize that "no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him," that is, "to little children." The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God. God our Father transcends the categories of the created world. To impose our own ideas in this area "upon Him" would be to fabricate idols to adore or pull down. To pray to the Father is to enter into His mystery as He is and as the Son has revealed Him to us.

The expression God the Father had never been revealed to anyone. When Moses himself asked God who He was, he heard another name. The Father's name has been revealed to us in the Son, for the name "Son" implies the new name "Father."

We can invoke God as "Father" because He is revealed to us by His Son become man and because His Spirit makes Him known to us. The personal relation of the Son to the Father is something that man cannot conceive of nor the angelic powers even dimly see: and yet, the Spirit of the Son grants a participation in that very relation to us who believe that Jesus is the Christ and that we are born of God.

When we pray to the Father, we are *in communion with Him* and with His Son, Jesus Christ. Then we know and recognize Him with an ever new sense of wonder. The first phrase of the Our Father is a blessing of adoration before it is a supplication. For it is the glory of God that we should recognize Him as "Father," the true God. We give Him thanks for having revealed His name to us, for the gift of believing in it, and for the indwelling of his Presence in us.

We can adore the Father because He has caused us to be reborn to His life by *adopting* us as His children in His only Son: by Baptism, He incorporates us into the Body of His Christ; through the anointing of His Spirit who flows from the head to the members, He makes us other "Christs."

God, indeed, who has predestined us to adoption as His sons, has conformed us to the glorious Body of Christ. So then you who have become sharers in Christ are appropriately called "Christs."

The new man, reborn and restored to His God by grace, says first of all, "Father!" because He has now begun to be a son.

Thus the Lord's Prayer *reveals us to ourselves* at the same time that it reveals the Father to us.

The free gift of adoption requires on our part continual conversion and *new life*. Praying to our Father should develop in us two fundamental dispositions: **First**, *the desire to become like him*: though created in His image, we are restored to His likeness by grace; and we must respond to this grace.

We must remember... and know that when we call God "our Father" we ought to behave as sons of God.

You cannot call the God of all kindness your Father if you preserve a cruel and inhuman heart; for in this case you no longer have in you the marks of the heavenly Father's kindness.

We must contemplate the beauty of the Father without ceasing and adorn our own souls accordingly.

Second, a *humble and trusting heart* that enables us "to turn and become like children": for it is to "little children" that the Father is revealed.

[The prayer is accomplished] by the contemplation of God alone, and by the warmth of love, through which the soul, molded and directed to love Him, speaks very familiarly to God as to its own Father with special devotion. Our Father: at this name love is aroused in us... and the confidence of obtaining what we are about to ask... What would He not give to His children who ask, since He has already granted them the gift of being His children?

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2761, 2779-2785

VOCATION SEEDS "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If you feel God is calling you, contact Fr. Park at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@vocations.ca.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS will be limited to 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the months of July & August.

MISSION CO-OP Please note that we will have a visiting priest from the Catholic Eparchy of Keren, Eretrea to ask for your help next weekend. The diocese has had a multitude of difficulties as 30 years of war has devastated the area. Please take the Mission Co-op envelopes home and bring them back next weekend. Thank you in advance for your customary generosity.

NEEDLESS TO SAY that as we enter into the summer season, let us remember that the Church is God's house and that modest attire should be worn at all times in this sacred place. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378 teaches us: "to prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required.... Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest."

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES? Adults interested in becoming Catholics or deepening their faith are invited to call the Parish office for information about the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults). The program will begin in the fall. Please call the office to register.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY at 3 p.m. every Saturday at the Holy Cross Cemetery (in the Holy Family Mausoleum). Everyone is welcome.

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES of the Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill. Celebrant: Most Rev. William McGrattan.

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Che cosa sono questi tre pani, se non l'alimento proprio del mistero celeste? E se tu ami il Signore Dio tuo, potrai meritarli non solo per te, ma anche per gli altri. E chi è maggiormente Amico di colui che per noi ha dato il proprio corpo? (S. Ambrogio, Esp. del Vang. sec. Luca VII, 87).

Recitiamo la preghiera che Cristo affidò ai suoi discepoli e familiari; con pura coscienza chiamando Dio con il nome di Padre, diciamo: *Padre nostro che sei nei cieli*. O immensa misericordia di Dio! A quelli che lo hanno abbandonato e sono giunti fino all'estremo, egli ha concesso una tale amnistia del male commesso e tale partecipazione di grazie, da poter essi chiamare "Padre nostro", colui che è nei cieli. Forse sono cieli anche essi pure, in quanto portano

l'immagine dell'uomo celeste (1 Cor 15, 49) e in essi Dio abita e si muove (2 Cor 6, 16). (San Cirillo di Gerusalemme, *Catechesi*).

II Signore e Salvatore nostro, desiderando che noi giungiamo alla felicità del regno celeste, c'insegnò a chiedergli quelle gioie, e ci promise che ce le avrebbe date se gliele avessimo chieste. Chiedete – disse – e vi sarà dato, cercate e troverete, bussate e vi sarà aperto (Lc 11, 9). Queste parole del Signore, fratelli devono carissimi. essere da noi meditate profondamente e con la massima attenzione, poiché affermano che il regno dei cieli non sarà per gli oziosi e gli sfaccendati, ma sarà dato, fatto trovare e aperto a quelli che chiedono, che cercano e che bussano.

Dobbiamo dunque chiedere nella preghiera che ci venga aperta la porta del regno, cercarla con una vita retta e bussarvi con la perseveranza. Ma non basta pregare soltanto con le parole, se non cerchiamo anche con molta diligenza in che maniera dobbiamo vivere per essere degni di ottenere ciò che domandiamo; secondo l'affermazione di colui che dice: Non chiunque mi dice: Signore, Signore, entrerà nel regno dei cieli, ma colui che fa la volontà del Padre mio che è nei cieli (Mt 7, 21). (San Beda il Venerabile)

La preghiera che è sempre esaudita

è quella che chiede al Padre buono il dono dello Spirito Santo:

essa fa fremere il cuore di Dio che desidera ardentemente riempire del suo amore tutti i suoi figli.

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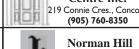
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