



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

May 24, 2020

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Good morning friends! Can anyone tell me what prayer is? Prayer is talking to God. When do you pray? You can pray anytime...and anywhere! Prayer is an ongoing conversation. Do you know that we don't even have to use words when we talk to God? God knows our heart before we even mention a word to God but it sure helps to say it out loud. Do we have to pray a certain way, like with our eyes closed and our heads bowed? Nope! We can pray however we feel like it, whether we are running and jumping, riding in a car, or sitting quietly. No matter where, when, or how, God always hears us and takes time to listen.

In our Gospel lesson from John, we hear the story about Jesus getting ready to leave his disciples to be with God, and guess what? Jesus prays! Jesus prays for his friends and in this prayer, he prays for you, too! Jesus asks God to protect all of us and to unify us so that we can be one big family.

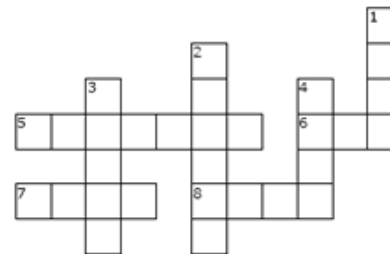
So, if Jesus prayed, it must be a pretty important thing to do, right? If you don't already pray with your family, now would be a great time to start. You can thank God for all that God has given to you...all of creation, a family, food, and a home. You can ask God to help you with your problems and you can ask God to watch over your family and friends. Remember, no matter where, when, or how, God always hears us when we pray.

Loving God, thank you for taking the time to listen to us when we call upon you. Thank you for your Son, Jesus who prayed for our protection. Amen.



Jesus Prays
for his disciples.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. To keep from being injured or harmed
6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
8. To speak to God

DOWN

1. To place in the hands of someone
2. To receive something
3. That which belongs to you
4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY ACCEPT	GIVE YOURS	HOLY WORD	PROTECT ONE
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Activity: On a heavy piece of paper, trace your hand, and cut it out. On each finger, using the guide on the activity page write the corresponding words. Tape up your "hand" so that it can help you pray.

Discussion Question: What is your favorite way to pray? How do you know that your prayers have been answered?

Family Table Prayer for May: Gracious God of stars so bright the sun you made brings warmth and light we give you thanks for creating all things as a family, your praises we sing. Amen

May Memory Verse: Numbers 6:24 The Lord bless you and keep you.

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.

