

Family



WORD OF THE WEEK: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If one of my followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have won back a follower. But if that one refuses to listen, take along one or two others. The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true by two or more witnesses. If the follower refuses to listen to them, report the matter to the community. Anyone who refuses to listen to the community must be treated like an unbeliever or a tax collector.

I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don't allow. I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you."



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together
and to heal;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

"May I?," "Thank you," and "I'm sorry." These simple phrases are not so easy to say or to put into practice. But when they are ignored, their absence can cause cracks in the foundation of the family, which can lead to its collapse. If these words are part of our daily lives, not just as a formal expression of good manners, but as a sign of deep love for one another, they strengthen a happy family life.

"May I?" – even if we think we have the right to something, when we speak to our family members with kindness we create space for a true spirit of family life. We renew trust and respect, revealing our love for others, and we allow them to open the door of their hearts to us.

"Thank you" – our society has great need for gratitude, which makes us more sensitive to the dignity of the human person and the demands of social justice. Thankfulness is also the language of God, to whom above all we must express our gratitude.

"I'm sorry" – Without these words, hurt can develop in our relationships, and weaken our life as a family. But when we ask forgiveness, we show our desire to restore what was lost – respect, honesty, love – and healing between family members is made possible.

"May I?," "Thank you," "I'm sorry" – Let us ask the Lord to keep these three phrases in our hearts, our homes and our communities.

(Adapted from a homily given to families by Pope Francis)



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...

- Who make up the members of your family?
- What do you find most difficult about living as a family? What brings you most joy?
- Which of the three phrases that Pope Francis encourages us to use do you need to use more often?

SOMETHING TO DO...

This week try to do some research into your family tree...talk to your parents and grandparents!
Then share an interesting fact about your family with your form!



The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.

— Mother Teresa —

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Our CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES begin this week, marking the end of the school year!

The REWARD TRIPS also take place, recognising the efforts everybody has gone to this year to contribute to the life of the school!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOL!