

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged with Father Rodney. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service
Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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July 24- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	<u>July 23</u>
4:00 pm	Mark Vandette
Sunday	<u>July 24</u>
8:00 am	Donna Johnson, George Johnson, Jr., Kathy Johnson, Kyle Johnson
Sunday	<u>July 24</u>
9:30 am	Edward & Barbara Joyce
Sunday	<u>July 24</u>
11:00 am	Helen & Wilbur Weldon
Monday	<u>July 25</u>
4:30 pm	Anthony Sellner
Tuesday	<u>July 26</u>
8:00 am	Raymond Gauthier
Wednesday	<u>July 27</u>
4:30 pm	
Thursday	<u>July 28</u>
8:00 am	Brian Doyle Gault

July 31- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	<u>July 30</u>
4:00 pm	Diana Larocque
Sunday	<u>July 31</u>
8:00 am	Kevin Thornton
Sunday	<u>July 31</u>
9:30 am	Vincent Giansante
Sunday	<u>July 31</u>
11:00 am	Aurore Sirois

Parish Contributions

Collection figures from July 9/10: \$12,535.62
Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting during the summer months.

Catholic Appeal 2022

Thank you! We have surpassed the amount that our parish donated to the Bishop's Catholic Appeal in 2021. ***The books for the 2022 Appeal closed and our parish donated or pledged a final total of \$107,825.00 and increase from last year's total by \$5,577.00.*** Thank you, each and every parishioner who has ensured that the Corporal Works of Mercy will be a reality here in the Diocese of Fall River.

From Father Rodney

One of the privileges that I have as a pastor and priest is to officiate at Baptisms. Baptisms are an occasion for families to gather and to celebrate the moment when a child becomes a son or daughter of God. Here at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, we are blessed by many baptisms each and every year. Truth be told, one of the signs of a healthy parish is when your baptisms outnumber your funerals and I can proudly report that is the case here! Prior to the Second Vatican Council, if a priest preached at a baptism he usually focused on the fact that the child to be baptized was going to be cleansed from original sin. Now, the theology has not changed. Absolutely. On the day of our baptism, original sin is removed, and we are cleansed in the saving waters of Baptism which represent the waters of the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. In point of fact, I always read the Gospel where Jesus was baptized by John because it is important that we realize that what happened to Jesus over 2000 years ago happens at every baptism, namely, God the Father claims us as His very own son or daughter.

In the Gospel passage we hear proclaimed this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus's disciples ask him how they should pray. Of course, he teaches them the Lord's Prayer or what we all call the Our Father. We can only call God Our Father because he has adopted us in the waters of baptism. We so routinely pray the Lord's Prayer that we might actually forget who we are and the dignity that has been afforded us because of our baptism. Our Father made each of us a promise that like a good and faithful dad, He will walk with us on the journey we call life: both in the joy-filled moments and the moments of doubt and darkness. With this, my friends, comes another promise: namely, that when this life is over and done, there is so much more to come that is, life with God forever in His Kingdom, the glory of heaven awaits us. Next time you find yourself praying the Lord's prayer, either by yourself or with others, remember that in baptism, your Father adopted you and has made you a sacred promise that you are His beloved son or daughter and with you, He is well pleased.

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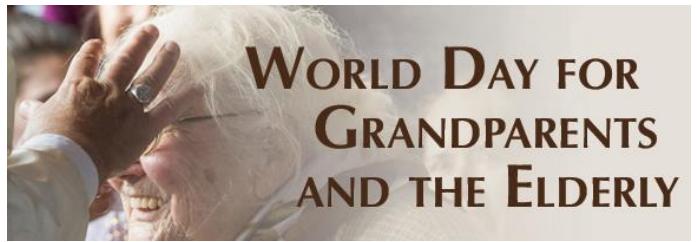
From Father Rodney continues.....

24 July 2022

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today we celebrate a special second anniversary instituted by Pope Francis a few years ago but this is the only the second time it is being celebrated in public due to the health care crisis that still disrupts our lives. The Holy Father is encouraging us to take some time to visit our grandparents or elderly relatives and friends on this special day. At the end of all Masses, we will conclude with a special blessing.

It is entitled: Blessing on a long life
*God of mercy,
You have given your children the gift of long life,
And they ask for your blessing.
Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.
As they look back to the past,
Let them rejoice in your mercy.
As they look to the future,
May they persevere in hope that does not fade.
To you be praise and glory for ever.*



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.

Amen.



Winifred McCarthy and Paul Dumas

Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead,
O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest always in the loving arms of God



Marriage Congratulations!

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to **Lorielin Sidney Paciencia & Daniel Robinson** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage on July 13, 2022.

*May God's choicest blessings come upon you
as you begin to live this sacrament of love.*

Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that others will have a chance as well). You may schedule any daily Masses at this time as well. There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions. Masses will be celebrated for one person at a time –accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. Please contact Monica in the office with your requests, email or in writing preferred.

Prayer Shawl Committee

The Prayer Shawl Committee is working on prayer cloths to send to the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The cloths are pocket sized, with a cross stitched in the pattern, and each will include a special prayer card from Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to pitch in, please contact Nancy Chapman at nchapman88@comcast.net. Patterns are available and yarn if you need some. This is a great way to use up leftover yarn. We hope to have them completed this summer and sent in late August.



The Sacrament of *Baptism* ©JPPC

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Rodney after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

SUMMER

Faith Formation Summer Hours

Monday – Wednesday
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Faith Formation for Fall 2022

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August.

If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year.

Contact the Faith Formation office at transfigurationreled@gmail.com to register.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net.



Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



Call for Assistance

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



Welcome! If you are new to the North Attleborough area, we welcome you to our parish community. Parish census forms are found on the parish website (www.saintmaryna.com) or you may contact the Parish Office – stmaryna@noozi.com - for more information regarding registration.

Monthly Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a necessity in our world that is full of chaos. We are in need of people coming to spend time with Jesus in adoration especially during the afternoon hours. Please pray about this and hopefully you will discern to come each month to gain graces for yourself and the whole world. Adoration hours are held in Saint Mary Church, Tuesday, August 2, beginning with morning prayer at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.



Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year at our Parish Catholic School. For more information about our outstanding Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School programs, please visit the website at www.smshschool.com or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



Pray for Ukraine

From Pope Francis at the June 26 Angelus: "And let us not forget the suffering of the Ukrainian people in this moment, a people who are suffering. I would like you all to keep in mind a question: what am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Do I pray? Am I doing something? Am I trying to understand? What am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Each one of you, answer in your own heart."

One thing you can do is to pray a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power.

Pray for Peace in Ukraine

Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.

Readings for July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes!"

What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there. "Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he

still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words
of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will
sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Because of your kindness and
your truth;
for you have made great above
all things
your name and your promise.

When I called you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly
he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Though I walk amid distress,
you preserve me;
against the anger of my enemies
you raise your hand.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he
has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD,
endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

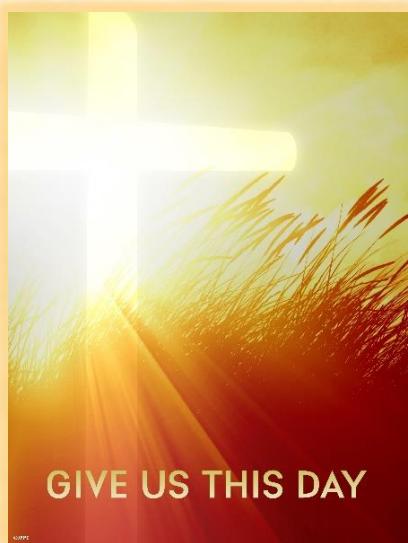
Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in
debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Summer Parent Page

Why not use the less hectic days of summer to start some new family traditions? Here are some suggestions for mealtime prayer for your consideration from Loyola Press.

Quick and Easy Ways to Make Mealtime Prayer More Meaningful

Imagine, for a moment, a family gathering around the dinner table. Believing that the food on the table is a blessing from God, the family takes a few moments to pray, to thank God for the goodness He has shown them in providing nourishment for their bodies. They've said this prayer a thousand times before—and perhaps that's why it sounds so rushed, so uninspired, so forced. Sound familiar?

In any family, each person probably has a particular form of prayer that's most meaningful to him or her. Honor that by letting each individual choose a different prayer for the meal at least once a week... and have some fun with it. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Sing the traditional Grace Before Meals prayer**—improvise the melody.
- **Say a prayer chain**—go around the table and let each person tell God something he or she is thankful for that day.
- **Read a passage from Scripture**—don't worry about having to add anything to it. Let the verse be the prayer.
- **Take 15 seconds of total silence**, letting each family member pray to himself or herself. You may be amazed at how powerfully prayerful a pause can be!
- **Move the prayer from before the meal to after the meal.** Simply changing when you say the prayer can help people focus more on the act of praying.

By mixing up the ways you pray at the table, you can ensure that habit doesn't become meaningless. In the process, you'll discover again the joy of meeting God in mealtime prayer!



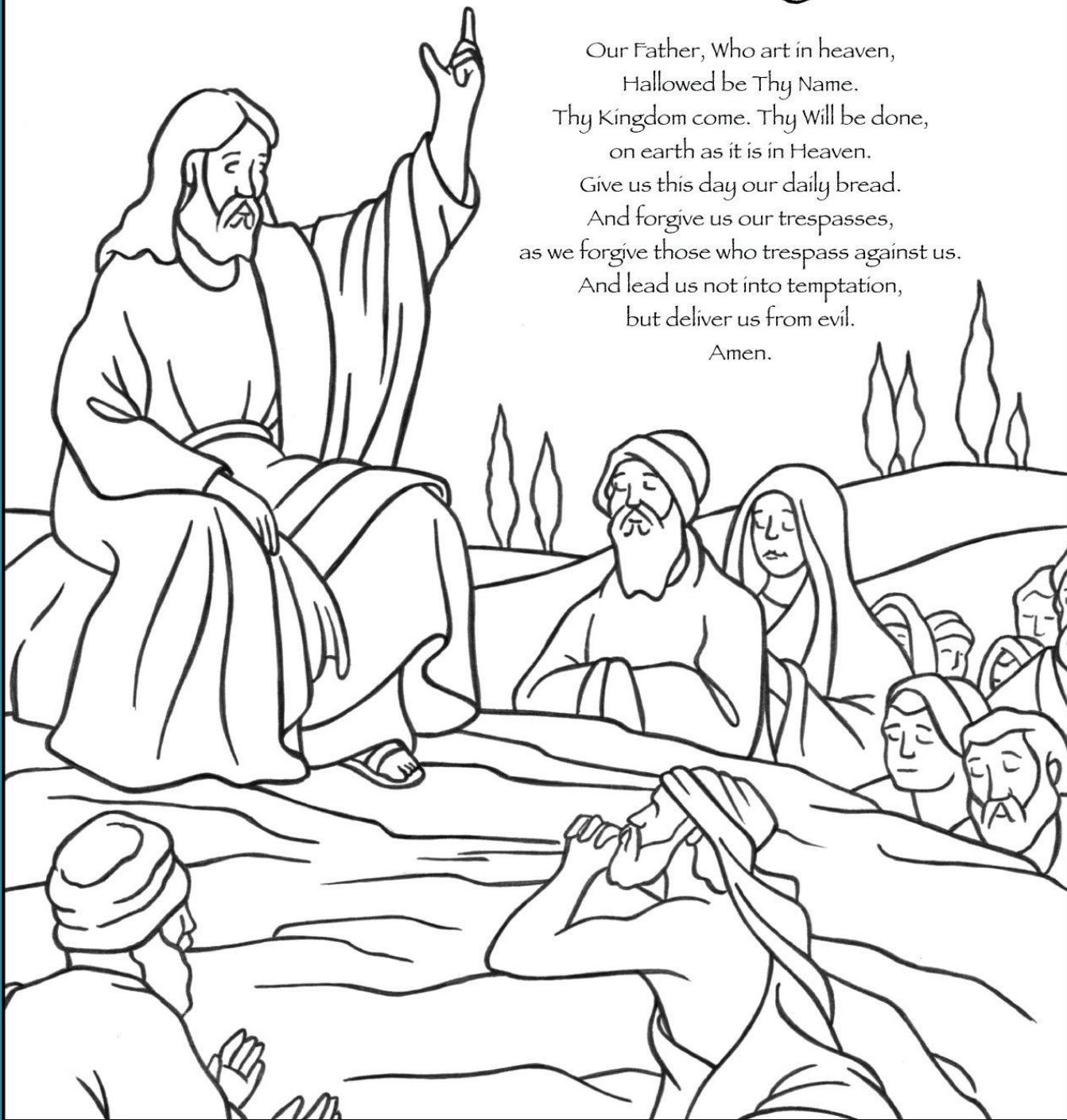
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The Lord's Prayer



Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.