

Eighth Sunday (Year C)

27th February 2022

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary time)

Place a cross, bible, and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel Jesus talks about how our words reflect what is within our hearts.

Opening prayer:

Lord God, shape our hearts so that we can become more loving and caring, like Jesus.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (6:39-45)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus used some sayings as he spoke to the people. He said: "Can one blind person lead another blind person? Won't they both fall into a ditch?"

"Are students better than their teacher? But when they are fully trained, they will be like their teacher.

"You can see the speck in your friend's eye. But you don't notice the log in your own eye. How can you say, 'My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you don't see the log in your own eye? You show-offs! First, get the log out of your own eye. Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye.

"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from thorn bushes. Good people do things because of the good in their hearts. Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts. Your words show what is in your hearts."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayerfully watch the video together

Trees and their fruit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yE-1SoD5m8>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus was giving these examples...

I wonder what the people were thinking when Jesus was talking...

I wonder how the people's hearts changed after listening to him...

I wonder what Jesus is asking us to do...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVKGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for the hearts of Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders. That in their leadership and work they will bear much fruit.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for the needs of our community, especially through Project Compassion 2022, *For all Future Generations*, that each of us will play our part in doing good works and sharing kindness to others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that all the members of our Church will follow Jesus' example, doing good deeds because of the fullness of love in their hearts.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for our world, especially for those who need kindness shared with them, that other people will show them compassion and care. May they experience the love of Jesus Christ through others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: Love One Another <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47Kf90d7Tf8>

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring In**
<https://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/1692660>
- **Fill your heart**
Find an empty jar you can use. Each time you do a kind act, fill the jar with a bead. Watch and see how each time you fill the jar with deeds and beads, you will feel your heart filling up too!
- **Sunday Connection**
Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. *What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others?*
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/eighth-sunday-of-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>