

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2022

## Gospel Luke 11:1-13

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?"

## Readings for the week:

### 17th Sunday in Ord. Time

Gen 18:20-32  
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3,  
6-7, 7-8  
Col 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### Monday

St. James,  
Apostle  
2 Cor 4:7-15  
Ps 126:1bc-2ab,  
2cd-3, 4-5, 6  
Matt 20:20-28

### Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22  
Ps 79:8, 9, 11  
and 13  
Matt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21  
Ps 59:2-3, 4,  
10-11, 17, 18  
Matt 13:44-46

### Thursday

Jer 18:1-6  
Ps 146:1b-2,  
3-4, 5-6ab  
Matt 13:47-53

### Friday

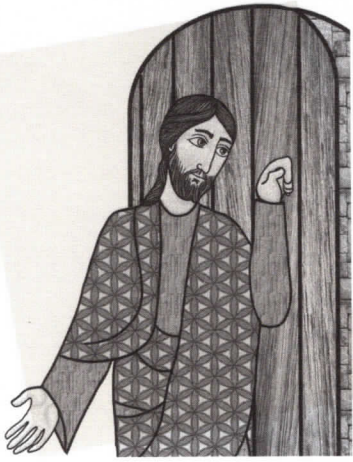
Jer 26:1-9  
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14  
John 11:19-27 or  
Luke 10:38-42

### Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24  
Ps 69:15-16,  
30-31, 33-34  
Matt 14:1-12

### 18th Sunday in Ord. Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23  
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-  
13, 14 and 17  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21



## Opening Prayer

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
 without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,  
 bestow in abundance your mercy upon us  
 and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
 we may use the good things that pass  
 in such a way as to hold fast even now  
 to those that ever endure.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Why do we pray? It's not to impose our will on God, but to ask God to make us available to the divine will and to share our concerns with God. Not an effort to change God, but to change ourselves. Of all the evangelists, it is Luke who speaks most about prayer. His gospel begins (1:10) and ends (24:53) in the context of prayer. At significant moments, Jesus prays, and his example leads the disciples to ask him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." His answer expresses the deepest reality of Jesus's relationship with his God, into which he wants his disciples to be drawn. The words are no magic formula; they help us to realize the personal reality of the One to whom we pray.

Our familiarity with the Lord's Prayer may blunt our appreciation of its radical, even subversive, teaching about prayer. It is to be the prayer of a community that is conscious both of its intimate relationship with God and its presence in and responsibility for the world. In both testaments, God is "Father," a metaphor vastly different from that of the powerful Roman emperor, the "father of the homeland," or the authoritarian father of the family social unit. Especially in the gospels, God is the Abba of Jesus, in loving, faithful, and intimate relationship with the beloved Son. The kingdom for which disciples pray is not a kingdom of political power, but one that belongs to the poor, the liberated, excluded women, forgiven sinners.

That we may be changed, we pray for bread, forgiveness, and deliverance. As Jesus's parable of the friend at midnight teaches us, if we are in an enduring relationship as prayerful "friends" with God, we can be assured that God will be hospitable to us in our need.

## Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You teach us that prayer is both personal and communal. May we dare to bring the realities of our world to our prayer that we may remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

### For Reflection:

- Why do you pray?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Announcements**  
**07/23/22 to 07/24/22**

**Financials: 07/11/22 – 07/17/22**

<b>Weekly Collection Goal \$2400</b>	<b>Total \$3885.00 Over \$1485.00</b>	
<b>In Church</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2755.00</b>
<b>Mail In</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1030.00</b>

**Today's Second Collection is for the Maintenance Fund. Mahalo for your kokua.**

**Bread Report from Kathy ~**

**With the help of 14 volunteers, we baked 363 loaves of sweet bread. Our Net Profit including miscellaneous donations: \$1,673.72. Mahalo to everyone who continue to support this endeavor in whatever capacity; especially those physically here to do the work!**

**Our next bread day is Tuesday, August 16 with pick up from 8:00am-12:00noon. Baking will start Monday, August 15 at 3:30pm.**

**Mark your calendar ~ Next week Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Bishop Silva will install Fr. Postrano as Pastor of St. Ann Church.**

*Have a Blessed Week!*