



Our Father

- Fundamental prayer
CCC 2759
- Foundation of further desires
CCC 2761
- Perfect Prayer
CCC 2541
- Summary of the whole Gospel
CCC 2761
- Quintessential prayer of the Church
CCC 2776

A close-up portrait of a man with a long white beard and a red cloak, looking down. The image is set against a dark background.

Master of Prayer



Model of Prayer
James Tissot
1836-1902

Model of Prayer

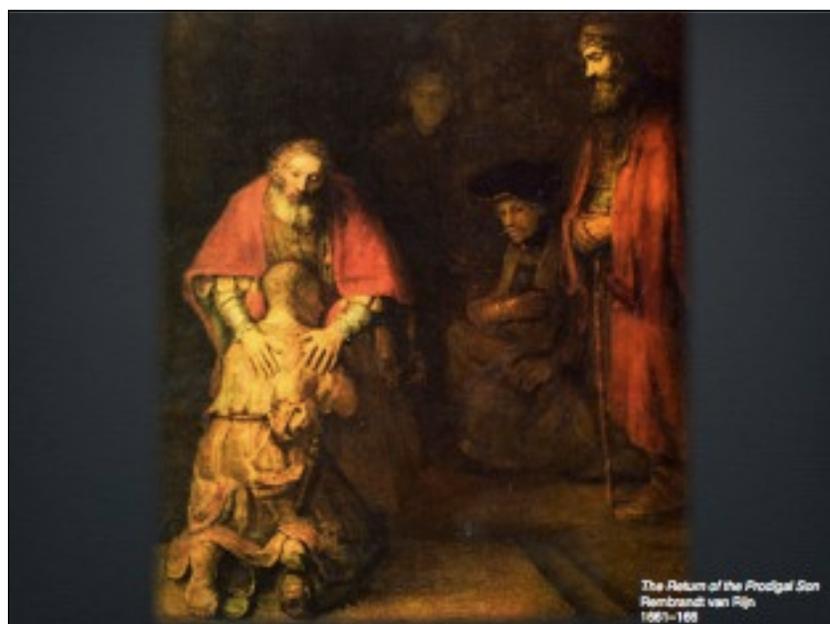
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Purification from faulty paternal images

Enter mystery of the Father:

- ✠ As He is
- ✠ As the Son has revealed Him

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The Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt van Rijn
1661-1668

The Merciful Father



The Prodigal Son in Judgment: His Return
James Tissot
1882

FAITHFUL FATHERS

FALLIBLE FATHERS

St. Martin
de Porres

1579 – 1639
Lima, Peru



Rejected
by his earthly father,
Martin threw
himself into the omnipotent
and loving arms
of his Heavenly father.



Baptism

Adopted
Sons & Daughters
of God

Incorporated
into the
Body of Christ

Supernatural
genetic code

*"This is my beloved child, with whom
I am well pleased."*

The Baptism
Peterborough
1788

If everyone is a child of God-

what's the big deal?!

**GOD CAN
ONLY COUNT
TO**

ONE!

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St. Thérèse
of Lisieux

1873 - 1897

France

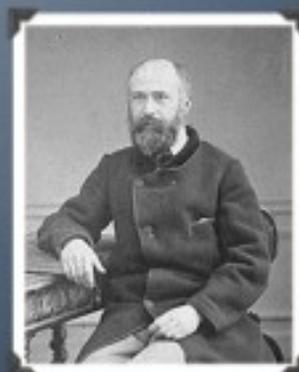
Doctor of the Church



“I cannot say how
much I
loved Papa...”



“To know how to pray
she only had to look at
him in church or at
home in the evening.”



“Do not
come near.

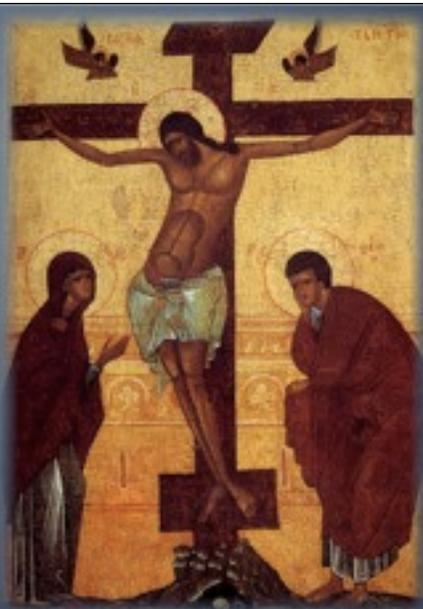
I Am
Who Am”

(Exodus 3:5,14)



Moses before the burning bush
Dominico Fetti
1613-1614

Only Jesus
could
cross the
threshold of
the divine
holiness.



CCC 2777

“Go to
my brethren
and say to them,
‘I am ascending to
My Father
and your Father,
to my God
and your God.’”
John 20:17



Abel M. Tangere
Fr. Bartolomeo
1998

2 Versions

Luke 11:2-4

5 petitions

Matthew 6:9-13

7 petitions

(retained by the liturgy of the Church)



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7 Petitions

First 3: toward God, for His sake:

- Thy name,
 - Thy kingdom,
 - Thy will
- CCC 2804

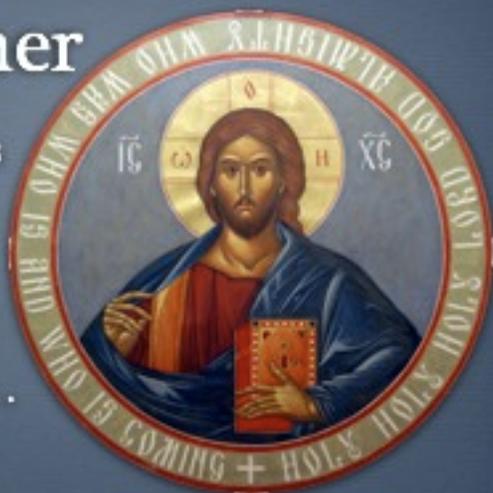
Next 4: concern us

- Give us (food)
 - Forgive us (heal us of sin)
 - Lead us not
 - Deliver us (battle of prayer)
- CCC 2805

Our Father

“Our” excludes
no one.
CCC 2792

God’s love
has no bounds...
CCC 2793



In Christ, we are His People,
He is our God. CCC 2787

Who art in heaven

- The Father’s house is our homeland.
CCC 2795
- Living on earth, but citizens of heaven
CCC 2796



Hallowed be Thy Name

- “Father” is God’s name revealed in Jesus (CCC 2812)
- Recognize that He is HOLY
- Recognition that we are called to be holy as He is holy.

CCC 2858-2865

Thy Kingdom come

Basileia:

Kingship
Kingdom
Reign



Kingdom of God
means Christ Himself.

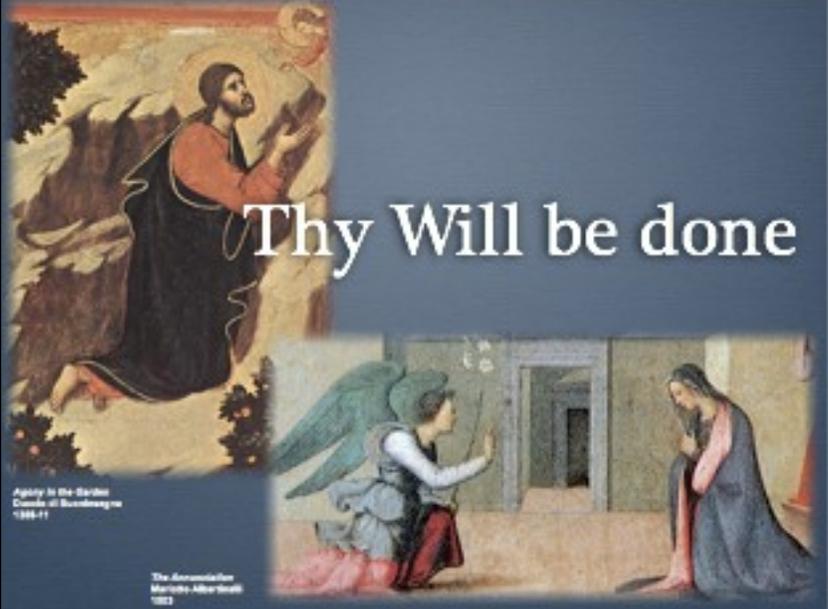
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Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Phases of the Kingdom:

1. Public life of Christ –
parables
2. Post-resurrection –
baptism in the Spirit
“already and not yet”
3. Second Coming –
Christ returns in glory

*We are in a decisive battle between the flesh
and the Spirit. CCC 2819*



Thy Will be done

On earth
as it is in heaven

- Not blind resignation, but an acknowledgement of our vocation
- “Accomplish Your will in me and in all Your children.”

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Bl. Frédéric Ozanam

1813-1853

France

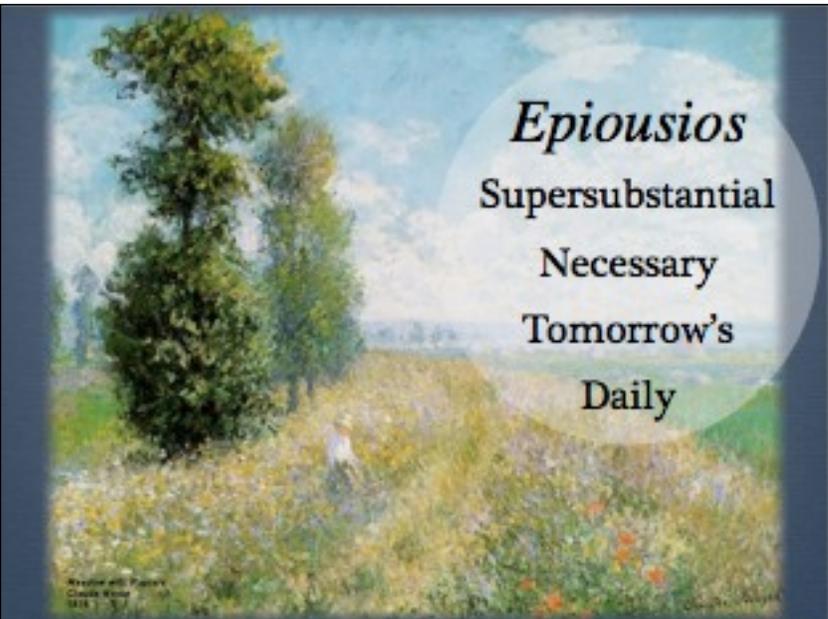
Founder of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society



Give us this day
our daily bread

- Trust of children
- Expresses the Covenant
- Includes all people

CCC 2828-2829



Epiousios
Supersubstantial
Necessary
Tomorrow's
Daily

epiousios bread=
the Bread of Life



CCC 2835

The Our Father & the Mass

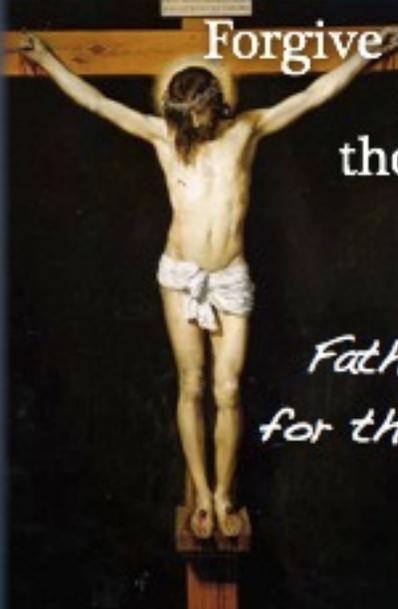
- Between Eucharistic Prayer and communion
- Sums up all petitions
- Knocks at the door of the Banquet of the Kingdom
- Full meaning revealed in the Eucharist – Eschatological character of petitions

CCC 2770 - 2772

- Presence of the hungry
- Parables: Lazarus, Last Judgment
- One loaf for the many



CCC 2831 -2833



Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive
those who trespass
against us.

*Father, forgive them
for they know not what
they do.*

Luke 23:34

Forgive your
brother from the
heart.
Mt.18: 25



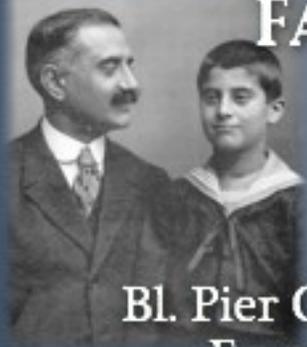
The heart that
offers itself to the
Holy Spirit turns
injury into
compassion
CCC 2843

In the depths of
the heart
everything is
bound and
loosed.
CCC 2843

God's mercy
cannot
penetrate an
unforgiving
heart.
CCC 2840

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**Bl. Pier Giorgio
Frassati**
1901-1925
Turin, Italy



In spite of their
differences, Pier
Giorgio always showed
great respect for his
father. The young man
sacrificed his own
ambitions and personal
happiness in order to
save his parents'
marriage.

Only after his untimely death did the elder
Frassati realize his son's sanctity.

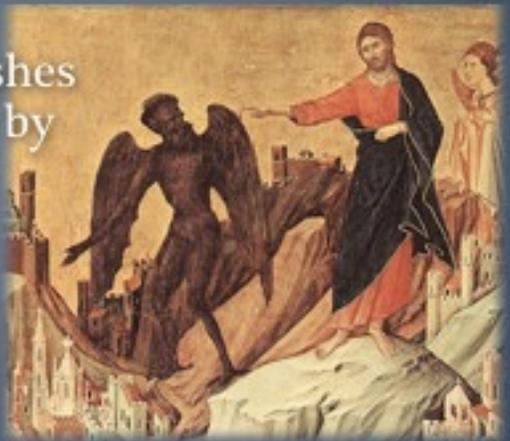
And lead us not into
temptation...

- Alert us to the dangers of sin
- Give us the grace to resist
- Spiritual combat



Jesus vanquishes
the tempter by
prayer.

CCC 2849



Temptation on the Mount
Duccio di Buoninsegna
1308-11

- Vigilance
- Final perseverance

But deliver us from evil



Resurrection
Duccio di Buoninsegna
1308-11

- Evil is a person CCC 2851
- Satan: murderer, liar, deceiver CCC 2852
- Make no mistake about who the enemy is.

Victory over the "prince of this world" was won once for all at the Hour when Jesus freely gave himself up to death to give us his life. CCC 2853

...we pray to be freed from all evils, present, past, and future, of which [the Evil One] is the author or instigator.

CCC 2854



The Last Judgment
Fra Angelico
1420-1481

The Doxology

- Similar prayer in Didache
- Means: “word of glory”
- Appended to almost all the ancient liturgies
- Doxology finishes off with a spontaneous note of thanksgiving, customary in Jewish liturgy

CCC 2855-2856