



In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

THE FATHER'S GIFTS

Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!

All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!

**Refrain: *Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.***

***Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. Refrain***

***In the water, in the Word, in the promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. Refrain***

***Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of the Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. Refrain***

Make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism. Dip your hand in water if you choose. Your sins are washed away. You have the Holy Spirit. You are a child of God!

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

Leader: From the rising of the sun

Leader: the name of the Lord

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Leader: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: to the place where it sets,

All: is to be praised!

All: and the love of God,

All: be with us all.



Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.

All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us!

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Leader: As high as the heavens are above the earth,

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

All: so great is His love for those who fear Him.

All: so far has He removed our sins from us!

All: 1. You shall have no other gods. 2. You shall not take God's name in vain. 3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 4. Honor your father and your mother. 5. You shall not murder. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. 10. You shall not covet anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray a blessing on God's Holy Word:

All: Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

From the Bible, read Matthew 7:9-12. If gathered as a family, consider reading verse-by-verse.

Think/Talk About It



1. What's one of the best gifts someone else has ever given you? How about one of the worst?
2. Turn to 1 John 3:1. What kind of gift-giver is our Heavenly Father described to be? What do you think this means for you?
3. In verse 11, how does Jesus encourage us to approach our Father in heaven? Turn to James 4:1-3. According to these verses, why don't we get what we so often need/want in life?
4. What do you want to ask your Heavenly Father for today? Make a list and then be ready to pray (see below), trusting with your heart that your Father loves you and always knows what's best for you!

All: Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'."

All: 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: God is good! **All: All the time!** Leader: And all the time- **All: God is good!**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!** Leader: Go in peace! **All: Serve the Lord! Amen.**

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.



OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: GIFT(S) OF GRACE

In today's service, we learned that our Heavenly Father loves to give His children generous gifts of grace (even when we don't deserve it). As someone who receives His gifts of grace, now do the same- pick out another person and give them an unexpected gift of love sometime this week. Be creative. It'll be such a fun surprise!