

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 February 2022 - Year C

***"Happy are the poor."***

### Something to Think About

Think about the many ways in which you are blessed.  
Can you name some of your blessings?

### The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the people about the things that God values. God gives special blessings to those people who are hungry, sad, or poor. People who are rejected or insulted by others, and who feel sad or unloved, can look forward to a reward in heaven. Jesus is reminding us that the ways and values of the world are not necessarily the ways and values of God.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

**6:17, 20-23**

Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain and came to some flat, level ground. Many other disciples were there to meet him. Large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon were there too.

Jesus looked at his disciples and said:

"God will bless you people who are poor. His kingdom belongs to you!  
God will bless you hungry people. You will have plenty to eat!

God will bless you people who are crying. You will laugh!

"God will bless you when others hate you and won't have anything to do with you.

God will bless you when people insult you and say cruel things about you, all because you are a follower of the Son of Man!

Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets.

"So when this happens to you,  
be happy and jump for joy!  
You will have a great reward in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Watch the video and sing along together: [The Blessing](#)  
Turn on the CC subtitles to see the words as the children sing.



## Group Discussion

What do you value?  
What do your parents and grandparents value?  
What values have you been taught at school?  
Which of these are the same values that Jesus talks about in the gospel today?

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,  
for those in our community and for our own needs.  
*Reader 1:* We pray that people with power will use it to help others. Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Reader 2:* We pray for people who are poor and hungry. Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Reader 3:* We pray for all who are sick or suffering. Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Reader 4:* We pray that we might comfort those who are sad or lonely. Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Reader 5:* We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.  
**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



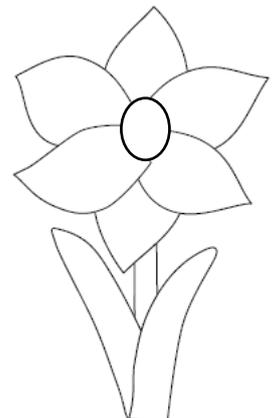
Dear Jesus,  
  
Help us to share your love and comfort  
with one another and to be a blessing to  
those around us this week.  
  
Amen.

## Group Activity

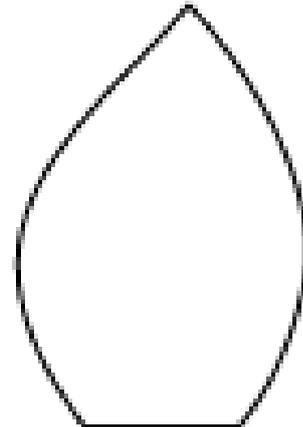
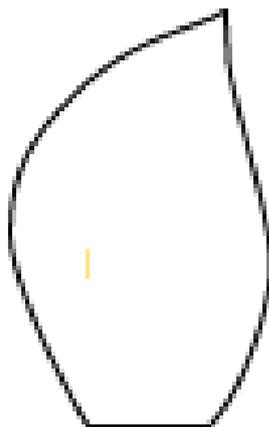
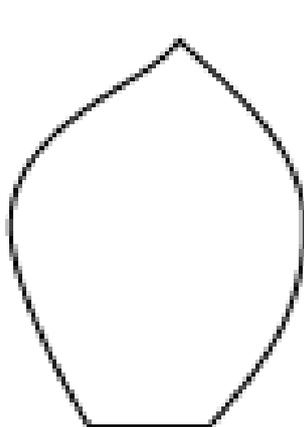
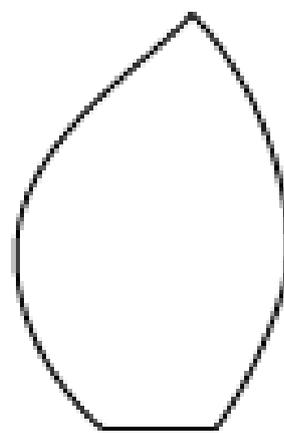
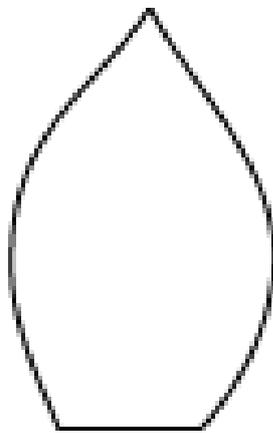
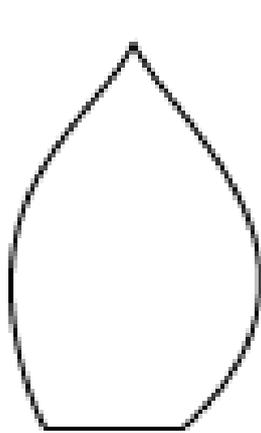
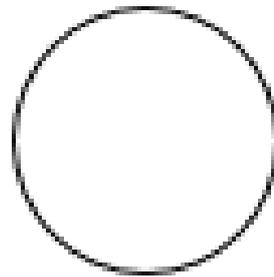
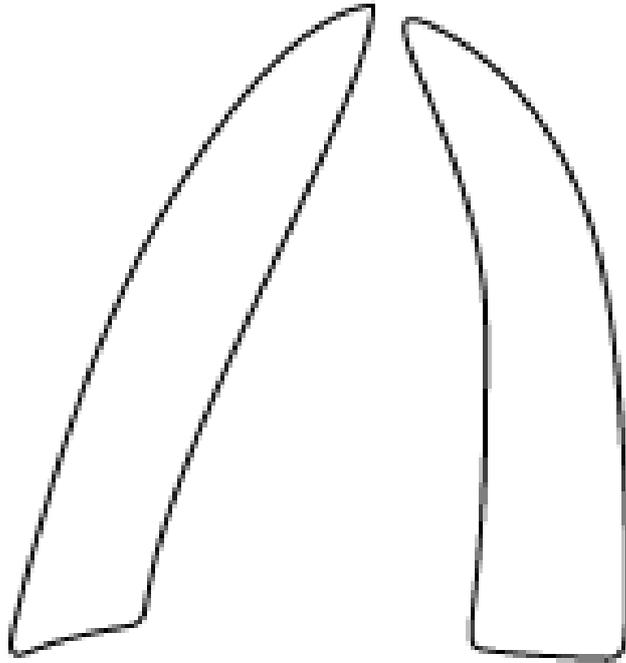
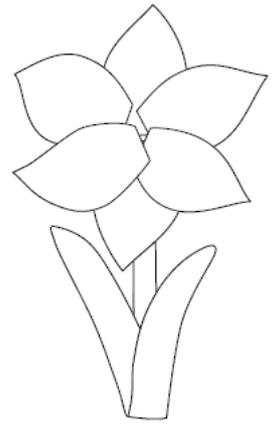
### God's Blessings To Me

You will need: printed flower template for each child (possibly pre-cut for small children), coloured pencils or markers, glue, coloured paper to glue the finished flower onto.

1. Brainstorm with children the blessings they are thankful for in their lives.
2. Invite children to write or draw one blessing on each of the petals and decorate.
3. Cut out the pieces, if not pre-cut, and glue the pieces onto another sheet of paper to make a beautiful flower.



# BLESSINGS FROM GOD



If others hate you and say cruel things about you,  
**GOD WILL BE CLOSE TO YOU AND BLESS YOU.**

Those of you who are poor or hungry or crying,  
**GOD WILL BLESS YOU. YOU WILL LAUGH.**



**JESUS SAYS,**

**BE HAPPY AND  
JUMP FOR JOY**

*Put on some music. Dance, jump and clap your hands to show God you are happy.*