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Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry

Chapter 10 Directed Reading Guide

Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Page 234 Prayer Means Talking to and Listening to God

1. Prayer is _____ with God—_____ to God and _____ for what we need. But prayer also involves _____ to God and the many ways God speaks.
2. What are three different ways God will answer our prayers.

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3. Why does it take humility to pray?
4. When we pray we consciously _____ to God and direct our _____ to the loving God who calls us. We can take _____ to the Lord when we pray—what _____ us and what we are _____ about.
5. How does the CCC define prayer?
6. True or False? Because prayer is “conversation with God,” we can assume it will take no time to develop.

Indicate which type of prayer is being described below by writing the type of prayer in the space provided.

7. This form of prayer acknowledges that we owe God everything and he deserves our gratitude
8. We bless and adore God because he is the Creator and we are his creatures
9. We approach God on behalf of others and offer prayers for our loved ones who have died
10. Talking to God in everyday language about what is really important
11. We ask God to provide what we need
12. We ask our merciful God to forgive us for our sins
13. Explain the types of prayer are gathered at Mass.
14. We need _____ and space in order to “hear” God who speaks to us in _____ ways: in the beauties of _____, the events and _____ who come into our lives, and sometimes, even in _____.
15. True or False? God may speak to us in our dreams or in the thoughts and ideas he places in our minds.

16. Listening to the Lord can also help to calm our _____ as he reminded his listeners in the _____: "I tell you, do not _____ about your life, what you will eat or about your body, what you will wear."
17. What is the key to hearing the Lord?

Indicate the form of prayer being described below by writing the type of prayer in the space provided.

18. Actively using our thoughts, emotions, imaginations, and desires to think about how God is in the world and in our lives
19. We "talk" to Jesus in our minds or reflect on one of the mysteries of his life
20. A form of prayer that is wordless where we simply rest in the presence of our all-loving God
21. Expressing our feelings in words just as Jesus did when he taught and prayed the Our Father
22. We meditate to gain a greater _____ and love of the Lord so that we may better _____ him. Great Catholics saints have suggested using a _____, especially the _____. We can also meditate on the writings of the _____, the events in our _____, and the action of God in our lives.
23. Explain what the peasant meant about why he sits in front of the Blessed Sacrament each day.
24. What is the meaning of the Benedictine monk's advice: "Pray as you can; don't pray as you can't?"

Pages 240-243 *Jesus Is Our Best Guide to Prayer*

25. Jesus is our best _____ to prayer. We can learn from him by reading the _____ and meditating on his _____. Through the power of the _____, Jesus will pray alongside us because he constantly _____ for us.
26. True or False? We should feel guilty about petitioning God for all that we need.
27. Jesus prayed for _____ among his _____ so that others would be attracted to him who is one with the _____. Prayer brings union with _____ and this union helps attract others to _____.
28. Jesus prayed frequently: in the _____ for a forty-day retreat, the whole night before selecting the _____, after performing his _____ of healing, after the miracle of the _____, and before _____ confessed Jesus to be the Messiah.
29. True or False? Unlike us, Jesus was not afraid of pain and death.
30. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed a prayer of _____, of following the _____ of his Father. He also prayed a prayer of _____ and on another occasion Jesus _____ God. Like us, he also _____ his Father for many things.
31. True or False? As a pious Jew, Jesus celebrated various religious festivals important to Jewish worship.

32. What were the three major prayers recited at synagogue services each week and what did each express?
33. Jesus knew and frequently recited the _____, those powerful _____ that were already one _____ years old by that time. Many were used in _____ services in the Jerusalem Temple and Jesus even recited _____ on the cross.
34. What prayers did Jesus pray during his suffering on the cross?
35. Why did Jesus speak out against prideful displays of religious devotions?
36. What two reasons are given for why Jesus told people to “go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret”?
37. What is the right intention when praying?
38. True or False? Being an eloquent speaker or heaping up a lot of words is not necessary to communicate with God.
39. True or False? The parable of the widow and the judge helps to underscore the point about praying with patience.
40. True or False? A progression of increased faith should accompany our reluctance in prayer.
41. What did Jesus promise to a community gathered in his name?
42. Jesus does not want us to approach God full of _____. We are to approach God only after _____ with another person.

Pages 244-248 *The Lord’s Prayer*

43. Explain how that context of the Lord’s Prayer differs between Matthew and Luke.
44. St. _____ of Lisieux had a sense that prayer is simply a reflection of our _____ with God: “You don’t have to be _____ in church to be praying.” She made _____ part of her prayer. She called it her “_____ to God.”
45. Jesus invites us to address God as “_____,” and even as “Abba” or “_____.” God is *our* Father which means that we are all _____. “In heaven” refers to God’s _____—his way of being, and his _____ about all his creatures.
46. When we pray for the “_____ of God’s name,” we pray that the Father may be regarded as holy by _____ on earth. When we live up to our name as “_____,” we lead others to come to know and praise God because they can see God’s image _____.

47. With the coming of _____, God's rule has broken into our _____. However, God's kingdom will be fully established only at the _____. We pray for Christ's return and the _____ coming of God's Kingdom where there will be perfect _____, peace, and joy.
48. What things are we praying for when we pray for our daily bread?
49. True or False? Jesus teaches that for God's forgiveness to penetrate our hearts we must, in turn, forgive others, except enemies.
50. "And lead us not into temptation" means we pray that God will not allow us to take the path that _____ and we pray to remain in his _____ until the very end of our lives. It also calls us to _____ the temptations that keep other people from knowing our _____.
51. We pray that the Father will deliver us from Satan's _____ and from all the world's _____. We also pray that God will help lead us to _____ injustice, prejudice, or selfishness. We pray with the Holy Spirit and the _____.
52. What is the meaning of the word "Amen?"

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53. We can pray _____ at any time of day. We learn to pray by _____. Participating at _____ and the other _____ is a certain grace-filled way to pray. Prayer requires that we be both alert and _____.
54. True or False? To persevere in prayer we need to have faith that God always hears us, even if we do not "feel" anything.
55. St. Maria Goretti's life was _____ and tragic, yet ultimately very _____. While she lay _____, she prayed for her attacker, _____ him, and told her parish priest that she wanted the attacker to join her in _____ one day.
56. St. Aloysius _____ lived an austere life, engaging in many penances, despite the _____ of his family. He took religious vows in the _____ order and eventually ministered to victims of the _____ in the city of Rome where he died in _____.

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57. In his last words to his _____, prior to ascending to _____, Jesus told them: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the _____."

