



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School

‘With Christ in our hearts, together we grow’

Luke18:1-8
29th Week of the year

Not to lose heart

Introduction



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Jesus told a parable to show that we should not become disheartened but should keep on asking for what we want because God will hear and answer our prayers.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x 3

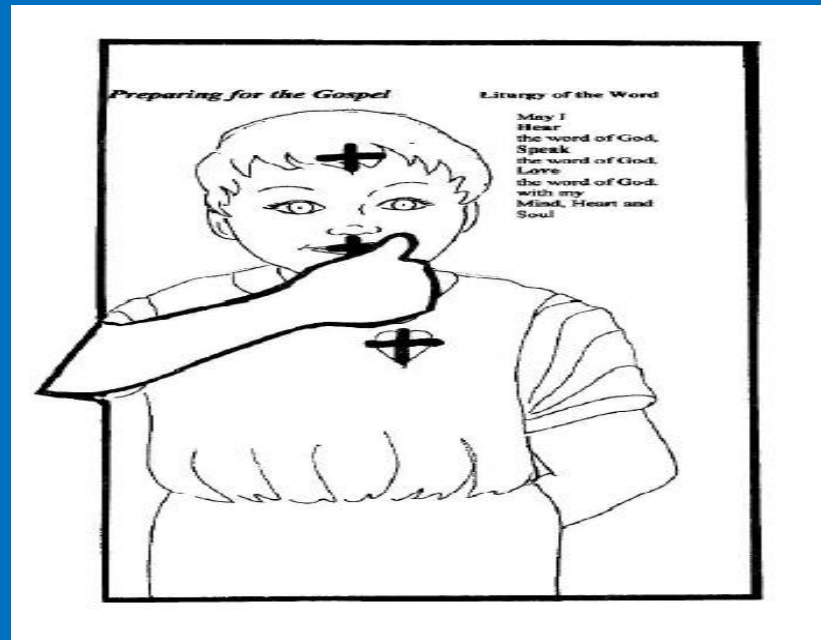
Give thanks to the Lord for all His love.

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3

The Lord be with you
Response: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel



The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Jesus told them a parable about how they should always pray and not lose heart. In a certain town there was a judge who was often unjust and unfair. A woman in the town asked the judge to help her settle a quarrel with her neighbour. The judge was not interested in the woman's problem and sent her away. The woman did not give up! She came back every day, day in and day out, until the judge could not stand being pestered any more. 'I must give this woman what she wants,' he said, 'or she will never give me any peace.'

Then Jesus said, 'If such a man can finally listen and do what is asked of him, how much more will my heavenly Father do for you if you keep on asking.'

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



Reflection 1

Why did the woman keep on pestering the judge?

She was determined that the judge would hear her request, listen carefully to what she wanted and then respond.

Reflection 2

Did the woman's persistence pay off?

No-one likes to feel pestered or nagged and after a while the judge finally agreed to what the woman wanted.

Reflection

Have you ever pestered anyone for something you really wanted?

What happened?

Children discuss

What is Jesus teaching us in this parable?

- If we ask God for something he will hear our prayers and answer them. Because we do not understand God and His plan for us, sometimes we feel disappointed when He does not seem to give us what we want or need. But we must not give up or stop asking, instead we must learn to put our trust in God because He will do what is best for us.

Jesus said to pray continually
and never lose heart



What is prayer?
How do we pray?



Things that help us pray

Put our hands together

Close our eyes

Meditate

Sit or kneel

Music/song

Quietness

Teachers, Friends, Parents.....

Where can we pray?



We can pray anywhere!



Closing Prayer



Dear God

Please help us all to pray and never lose heart, even if sometimes we think you are not listening. We must never stop praying and not give in. We all know that you love each and everyone of us because we are all special and unique.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow
Amen

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