



St. Matthew's Catholic Church and Missions Mass Schedule

St. Bernard's of Charley Creek ~ St. Catherine's of Fairview

St. Michael's of Savage ~ St. Theresa's of Lambert

Saturday Oct 4th

Mass in Savage @ 9:00 am

No mass in Sidney

Saturday Oct 18th

Mass in Savage @ 9:00 am

No mass in Sidney

Sunday Oct 5th

W/C in Fairview @ 8:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 9:30 am

W/C in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

Mass in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Sunday Oct 19th

W/C in Fairview @ 8:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 9:30 am

W/C in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

Mass in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Saturday Oct 11th

W/C in Savage @ 9:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 5:30 pm

Saturday Oct 25^h

W/C in Savage @ 9:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Oct 12th

Mass in Fairview @ 8:00 am

W/C in Sidney @ 9:30 am

Mass in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

W/C in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Sunday Oct 26th

Mass in Fairview @ 8:00 am

W/C in Sidney @ 9:30 am

Mass in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

W/C in Lambert @ 11:30 am

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Saturday Nov 1st

Mass in Savage @ 10:00 am

No Mass in Sidney

Saturday Nov 22nd

W/C in Savage @ 10:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Nov 2nd

W/C in Fairview @ 8:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 9:30 am

W/C in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

Mass in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Sunday Nov 23rd

Mass in Fairview @ 8:00 am

W/C in Sidney @ 9:30 am

Mass in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

W/C in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Saturday Nov 8th

W/C in Savage @ 10:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 5:30 pm

Thursday Nov 27th

Thanksgiving

Mass in Sidney @ 9:30 am

Sunday Nov 9th

Mass in Fairview @ 8:00 am

W/C in Sidney @ 9:30 am

Mass in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

W/C in Lambert @ 11:30 am



Saturday Nov 15th

Mass in Savage @ 10:00 am

No Mass in Sidney

Saturday Nov 29th

W/C in Savage @ 10:00 am

No Mass in Sidney

Sunday Nov 16th

W/C in Fairview @ 8:00 am

Mass in Sidney @ 9:30 am

W/C in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

Mass in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Sunday Nov 30th 5th Sunday

W/C in Fairview @ 8:00 am

W/C in Sidney @ 9:30 am

W/C in Charley Creek @ 10:30 am

W/C in Lambert @ 11:30 am

Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus



A “ROSE” FOR MOTHER MARY

How do I pray the Rosary with my kids?

If praying the Rosary on your own is powerful, imagine how meaningful it is to pray the Rosary as a family. Most of us know that a family Rosary is a wonderful thing. Those with small children also know how intensely difficult it can be to invite our children into prayer. In a video on *Ascension Presents* that this text is excerpted from, Jackie and Bobby Angel—parents of five children—give some real-life, actionable tips from their own experience.

Tips for a Family Rosary

Praying the Rosary with children—is it possible? Can it actually be done? The challenge is real. When our children are young, it’s hard to expect them to sit still and focus.

However, even in the mess, there’s grace. Showing up, however imperfectly, is more important than doing it perfectly. Children might not understand all the significance, but they see the value we place on prayer. Holy men and women like St. Thérèse of Lisieux and Venerable Fulton Sheen recalled praying the Rosary as children with their families. As Venerable Patrick Peyton famously said, “The family that prays together

stays together.” Setting aside time as a family to honor the Lord through Mary is not just about doing it perfectly but about making it part of our lives.

For many, simply starting is the hardest part, especially if you didn’t grow up with the Rosary. We’re learning, too! Even if it’s just one Our Father and ten Hail Marys for now, that’s a great start. Remember that praying together is about growing in our relationship with Jesus, modeling our faith, and showing our kids that it matters.

Here are a few tips that have worked for our family:

- **Use Visual Aids:** We have books with pictures of each mystery to help the kids visualize what we’re praying about. They can take turns holding a picture or reading a short verse about the mystery. Even our youngest, at four, can say the Hail Mary (even if it’s sometimes garbled!).
- **Break It Down:** You don’t have to pray all five decades in one sitting. Start with a decade or two. As children get older, it will be easier to add more.
- **Get Creative with Participation:** Sometimes, we give each child a job—one holds the crucifix, and another announces the mystery. This keeps them engaged and makes them feel like they’re part of it.

- **Make It Tangible:** Little ones love tactile things. We sometimes give them a crucifix to hold or a chewable Rosary made of food-grade silicone.
- **Use Analogies:** We've taught our kids that each Hail Mary is like offering a rose to Mary. Sometimes, we let them place a fake rose down for each prayer, making it a more concrete offering.
- **Rely on Audio Aids:** When things get too hectic, we've turned to audio or video Rosaries. The kids still hear the prayers, even if they're running around.
- **Pray with Other Families:** When our kids see other families doing the same thing, it reinforces that this is not just something "Mom and Dad make us do." This is part of a larger community of faith.
- **Let Go of Perfection:** Kids will be kids. They might run around, argue, or get distracted, and that's OK. The goal isn't a picture-perfect prayer time. You simply want to instill in your children the value of prayer so they can show love for Jesus and his Mother.

Ponder and Pray

- What are your personal experiences with the Rosary?
- What are your family experiences?
- When would be the best time to pray the Rosary as a family? Who do you envision being a part of it?

Make It Your Own

A Family Rosary Plan

When is the most realistic time?	
What is the best place to gather for your family?	
Which of the tips above seem like they will be the most helpful?	
Who should be there for family Rosary time?	
What else do you need to make this happen?	

Tip of the Week

If praying a whole Rosary seems like too much, start with a decade—today!

Dive Deeper

To watch Jackie and Bobby Angel's *Ascension Presents* video on this topic, scan the QR code or visit: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/how-to-pray-the-rosary-as-a-family/>.

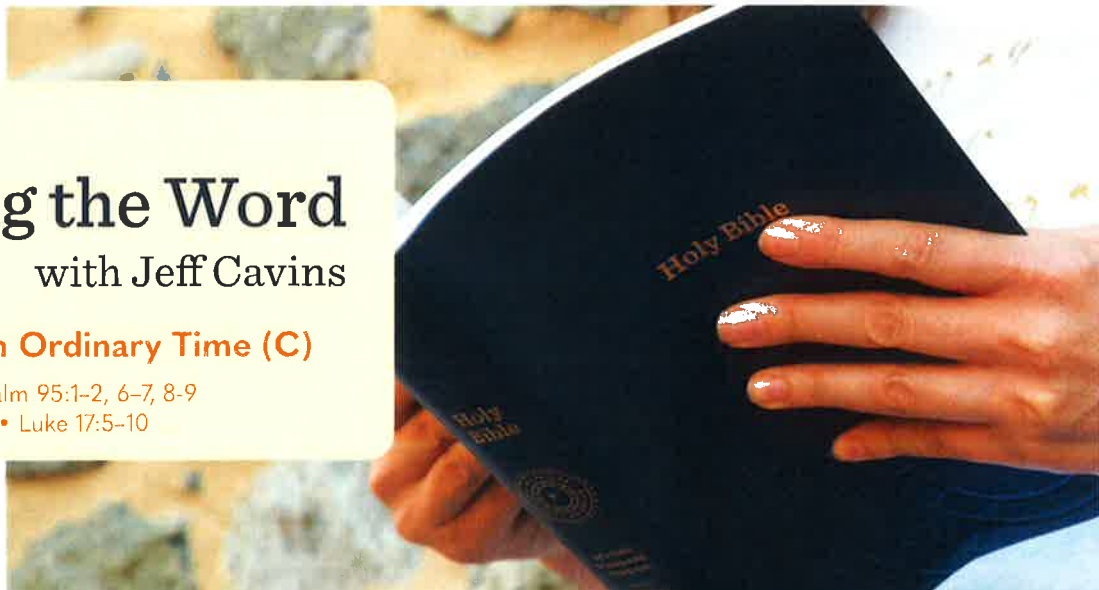


Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 • Luke 17:5-10

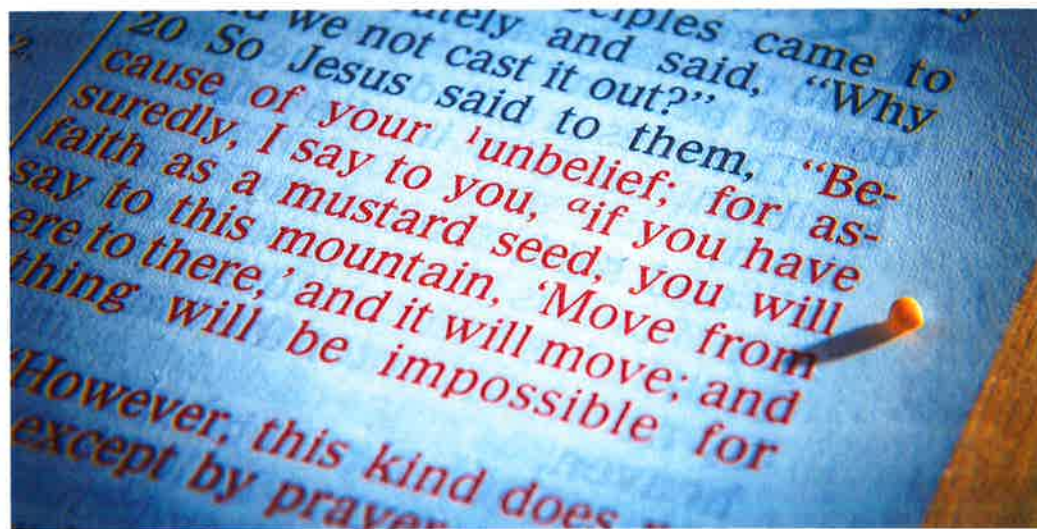


Faith Means Making Use of Your Gifts

Jesus uses the analogy of the tiny mustard seed to teach about faith in this Sunday's Gospel from Luke 17. Jesus says that even faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve incredible things, such as commanding a tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea. But this teaching is not about the size of faith—it's about its nature. True faith is not just belief but also faithfulness.

The Hebrew word *emunah* and the Greek word *pistis* highlight that faith is more about loyalty and trust in action than mere intellectual agreement. Faithfulness means living out our trust in God daily, even when challenges arise. Consider St. Teresa of Calcutta, better known as Mother Teresa. She began her ministry in India with only a few belongings, but she used her steadfast faith to transform countless lives. Her faith wasn't just about belief; it was a commitment to serve God through every action.

In 2 Timothy 1, Paul encourages Timothy to "stir into flame the gift of God." This gift, given at baptism, includes faith, hope, and love—gifts that grow as we remain faithful. Paul reminds us not to be ashamed of our testimony or afraid of hardship but to bear it with the strength God provides. Faithfulness, even in small things, allows God to work mightily in our lives.



Live the Gospel

Reflect on the gifts and talents God has entrusted to you. Like the mustard seed, faith grows when it is cultivated. Gardeners know that stirring the dirt—mixing it—is part of cultivation. Are you stirring your faith by using your gifts for God's glory? Serve God with what you have. As the lesson of the mustard seed teaches us, let him transform your faith into something that bears fruit for his kingdom.

Dive Deeper

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Ponder and Pray

» How can you “stir into flame” the gifts God has given you? Are there talents or opportunities you have left untapped?

» In what areas of your life is God calling you to remain faithful, even when it feels challenging or insignificant?

» How does Paul’s encouragement to Timothy—to rely on God’s strength and not be ashamed of the Gospel—speak to your current struggles or fears?

“ **The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”**

—Luke 17:6”

Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today’s Mass. It might be your view of Jeff Cavins’ reflection, your priest’s homily, or your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today’s Mass.

Week 40



THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR

PHASE 3: MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERIES

The Luminous Mysteries in Art

THE TRANSFIGURATION

This week, we will meditate on a piece of sacred art depicting the Transfiguration (see Matthew 17:1–8): a stained-glass depiction of the *Transfiguration on Mount Tabor* in the Votivkirche in Vienna, Austria.

After taking a moment to collect your thoughts and lift your mind to God, prayerfully gaze upon the image, noticing what catches your eye and what intrigues you. Below are points of reflection to assist in your meditation.



Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Votivkirche (Vienna, Austria)

Reflection and Contemplation

- Notice Moses on the left, holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments, with light coming from his face. Exodus 34:29–30 tells us that Moses' face shone after he came down from Mount Sinai. How is Moses a foreshadowing of Jesus?
- Jesus holds a scroll, although Scripture does not say that he held a scroll at the Transfiguration. Why do you think the artist included a scroll here? Do you think the scroll could be related to the tablets in Moses' hands?
- Angels are shown in the top corners of the image. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation, announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan; they ... announced births and callings; and assisted the prophets, just to cite a few examples" (CCC 332). Why do you think the artist included angels in this image of the Transfiguration?
- Notice Jesus' garments are white. This is a stained-glass window, so the image must be dazzling when the sun shines through it. What do these white garments represent?
- See the rainbow around Jesus. After the Flood, God sent a rainbow to represent the covenant he made (see Genesis 9:8–17). Why do you think the artist included a rainbow in this depiction of the Transfiguration?
- Notice the greenery and flowers on the mountain. Why do you think the artist used garden imagery for this mystery?

Make It Your Own

What stood out to you about your Rosary experience this week?

This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

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A LITTLE FAITH MATTERS



Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4 • 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14 • Luke 17:5–10

Family Car Talk

Today's Gospel tells us that if we have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, we can accomplish great things. Talk with your family on the way home from Mass today about the power of faith.



B Can you think of a time in your life when you had to trust that everything would work out?



A How does it feel to know Jesus isn't expecting more than we can give? He accepts even our tiny amounts of faith.



I How can your family members help each other grow in faith?



FROM LITTLE TO MIGHTY

Instructions: This tiny mustard seed grows into a huge tree. Color the images on the next page and think about how the gift of our Catholic Faith can make amazing things happen.



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SEEK WORDS FROM 2 TIMOTHY

Instructions: Find eight words from today's Second Reading in the word search. One is a compound word, which means it is hyphenated.

SELF-CONTROL

FLAME

LOVE

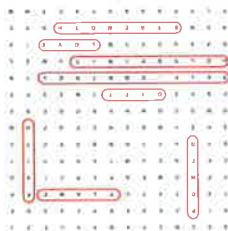
HOLY SPIRIT

POWER

STRENGTH

FAITH

GIFT



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Week Forty

Days 274–280



Return Narrative: Nehemiah 4–12 | Supplemental: Esther 1–16; Proverbs 20:27–21:24

THE MAJESTY OF GOD'S INTERCESSION FOR US



Esther Denouncing Haman (1888)
by Ernest Normand

In the narrative of salvation history, we have journeyed with Adam and Eve; with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; with Joseph, Moses, and Aaron; with Joshua, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Then, the Assyrians, Babylonians, and Persians enter the story. In this week's readings, we witness the majesty of God's intercession for his people, both with those he has brought back from exile and those who live outside the Promised Land. This indicates the important reality that the covenant is with a people and not just people living in a place.

- Every mission of God is going to experience opposition. We see this in Nehemiah 4 and 5. In those chapters, some see the Jews rebuilding the walls and perceive this as a threat. They prepare to attack the Jews.
- By praying to God first and then setting a guard for protection, Nehemiah shows that he trusts fully in the Lord but is also practical. Half of the people build the wall, while the other half are assigned to guard it.
- Nehemiah is not perfect, but he is consistent and generous. He stays on mission. There is much to learn from him about what it is to be a person after God's own heart.
- In Nehemiah 8, Ezra reads the Law of Moses to the people.
- When they hear the Law, the people weep because they know they are not living it. But Ezra tells them not to weep but to celebrate, for the joy of the Lord is their strength.
- The book of Esther is set in the Persian Empire. This indicates that faithful Jews continued to live in places to which they were exiled or moved, even though others had returned to the Promised Land.
- Esther, a young Jewish woman, becomes part of the Persian king's harem to replace the no-longer-favored queen, Vashti. In that day, powerful men treated women as property. Esther is chosen to be the new queen.
- The book revolves around the vulnerability the Jews experienced in foreign lands.
- An evil official, Haman, feels insulted by Esther's cousin, Mordecai, and plans to commit genocide against all the Jews in the Persian Empire.

- Mordecai instructs Esther to use her new status as queen to convince the king to help thwart Haman's plan.
- It is not Esther's strength or beauty that melts the king's heart. It is her weakness. Often, we think we have to be perfect and strong. In those moments, we forget that God works in and through our weaknesses. This truth should encourage us.

Dive Deeper

While we may not be literally putting our lives at risk by witnessing to Jesus like Esther risked her life before Ahasuerus, speaking the truth can still be difficult to do. Today, ask God how he wants you to be his witness and pray for the courage to do this even when it is hard.

Bible Answers

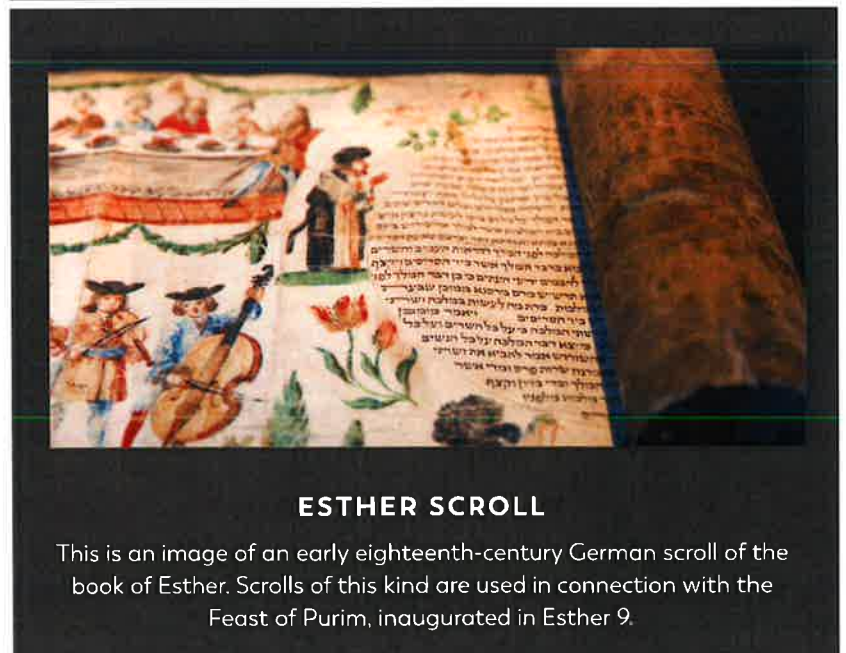
What happened to the Ark of the Covenant after the Temple was destroyed?

On Mount Sinai, the Lord gave Moses the design of the Tabernacle, within which the Ark of the Covenant was placed. During all the wanderings of the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant accompanied them. In the tenth century BC, King Solomon constructed the Temple in Jerusalem, where the Ark was kept. In the sixth century BC, the threat of Babylonian invasion of the kingdom of Judah was imminent. Under Jeremiah's leadership, the Ark was taken from the Temple and placed in a cave, somewhere near Mount Nebo, to protect it (see 2 Maccabees 2:4–8).

There is no further mention of the Ark in the Bible, nor is there any evidence that the Ark returned to Jerusalem after Judah's return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. We do not know what happened to the Ark of the Covenant. In the end, the Church teaches that Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant, for she carried the Word of God made flesh—Jesus. So, in a sense, if we are looking for the Ark, all we need to do is look to Mary!



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ESTHER SCROLL

This is an image of an early eighteenth-century German scroll of the book of Esther. Scrolls of this kind are used in connection with the Feast of Purim, inaugurated in Esther 9.

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Week 40

Paragraphs 2104–2167



THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

How We Live PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST

TRUE REVERENCE FOR GOD

With “love, prudence and patience,” we evangelize by living the Faith in public (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2104). The First Commandment charges us with “the duty to offer God authentic worship,” yet many sins against reverence have become normalized (CCC 2136). God’s name is often misused. Atheism is a serious concern. Many entertain themselves with divination practices. Many idolize creatures in place of God. As Christians, we bear the name of Christ and carry the Holy Spirit’s power wherever we are. Thus, our challenge is to match the external with the internal.

Keep in Mind

- Superstition is attributing “the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand” (CCC 2111).
- Idolatry is elevating a creature or created good into God’s place.
- Divination and magic are evil, powerful, and dangerous because they expose us to demons.
- Magic and sorcery are condemned, whether the intent is good, harmful, or just cultural.
- “Tempting God” questions God’s “goodness and almighty power” and “wounds the respect and trust we owe” him (CCC 2119).
- Sacrilege is profaning or abusing the sacraments or holy things. Sacrilege against the Eucharist is especially grave.
- “Practical atheism” is living as if God is not real (CCC 2128).
- Contemporary atheism proposes that the right social construct, education, and financial arrangement would create a utopia.
- Agnosticism is claiming we cannot know whether God exists.
- The First Commandment rejects the worship of graven images.
- Honoring a holy image or a statue is not for the item itself but for whom it represents. It’s similar to respect and affection for a photo of a loved one.



The Prayer
by Léon Augustin Lhermitte (1920)

Dive Deeper

The girl on her knees praying before the Eucharist in the image reflects the deep reverence we owe God for his holiness and goodness.

How can we better revere God, not only in speech, but also in prayer and daily habits? To learn more, watch the *Ascension Presents* video “Is Swearing a Sin?” by scanning the QR code or visiting media.ascensionpress.com.



- Speaking the names of God, Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and the saints should convey reverence; uttering them carelessly is a direct violation of the Second Commandment.
- A false oath is invoking God's name with no intention of keeping our word.
- The Second Commandment tells us that promising to perform an evil act, such as revenge, "is contrary to the holiness" of God's name (CCC 2152).
- Jesus commands us, instead of swearing, to let our yes mean yes and our no mean no.
- We begin every sacrament and prayer with the name of God (the Sign of the Cross).
- The Sign of the Cross is an act of worship and a prayer that invokes the Holy Trinity's blessing on our actions and seeks aid in resisting sin.

Use the space below to reflect on this week's content.

Take It to Prayer

God our Father, may you always be glorified in our speech and our actions. May everything we say and do honor you and not obscure who you are. Help every word we speak and action we choose be for your glory and for the salvation and sanctification of all. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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