

SOGL Kindergarten Family Prayers

February: Praying for Our Leaders

Preparing to Pray

On the third Monday of February, our nation's government celebrates the birthdays of two of the greatest Presidents, George Washington (the first president) and Abraham Lincoln (the sixteenth). We thank God for blessing our country with the freedom to choose such great leaders.

Talk with your child about our Church leaders. Recall that your pastor is the leader of your parish. Tell your child that the pope is the leader of the entire Catholic Church and that his name is Pope Benedict XVI. (Have your child repeat his name.) Remind your child that each week at Mass, we pray for the leaders of our Church, and the leaders of our country, during the Prayer of the Faithful. Help your child to appreciate that our leaders need our prayers and that we can pray for them every day.

Praying Together

Leader: God our Father, you guide us with love. We ask you to listen to us as we pray for the leaders of our country and Church.

1. That our President, Barack Obama, will continue to work to bring fairness and peace to our country and the world. We pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That the leaders of our state and town, our governor (Name) and mayor (Name), will continue to help and serve all our neighbors. We pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, that he will continue to teach us to live with love. We pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.
4. For our pastor (Name), that he will continue to help us follow Jesus' teachings every day, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, bless all your people. Help us to serve others, as our leaders do. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Working with Your Child

- If possible gather pictures of the Pope, the President, and other leaders mentioned in the prayer. Discuss with your child the different ways our Church and civic leaders help us.
- Together, use arts and crafts materials to make a card for your pastor thanking him for being your parish leader. Bring the card to Mass on Sunday so that your child can hand deliver it to the pastor.