

# Family Liturgy

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

11th September, 2022



## PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a green cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.



## GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## COLLECT

O Lord, you are always ready to receive us, like a father with outstretched arms, ready to welcome their child. May we always remember that we are your children and know how much you love us. Amen.

## GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told the people this story:

"Once a man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So the father divided his property between his two sons.

"Not long after that, the younger son packed up everything he owned and left for a foreign country, where he wasted all his money in wild living. He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. Soon he had nothing to eat.

"He went to work for a man in that country, and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs. He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating but no one gave him a thing.





"Finally, he came to his senses and said, 'My father's workers have plenty to eat, and here I am, starving to death! I will leave and go to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son. Treat me like one of your workers."'

"The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.

"The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son.'

"But his father said to the servants, 'Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring on his finger and sandals for his feet. Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate. This son of mine was dead, but now has come back to life. He was lost and has now been found.' And they began to celebrate.



"The older son had been out in the field. But when he came near the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants over and asked, "What's going on here?"

"The servant answered, 'Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father ordered us to kill the best calf.' The older brother got so mad that even he would not go into the house.

"His father came out and begged him to go in. But he said to his father, 'For years I have worked for you like a slave and have always worked for you. But you have never even given me a little goat, so that I could give a dinner for my friends. This other son of yours wasted your money on bad women. And now that he has come home, you ordered the best calf to be killed for a feast.'

"His father replied, 'My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we should be glad and celebrate! Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**





The Prodigal Son | Sharefaith



Watch The Prodigal Son - Luke 15

### REFLECT

I wonder how the younger son felt when his father ran to him..  
I wonder what the father was thinking when he saw his son walking..  
I wonder who the father is..  
I wonder what Jesus meant by, 'he was lost and has now been found'..

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring these to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ENDING SONG

Run to the Father - Matt Maher

### ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal  
Colouring page: Running Father  
Craft: Create a scene from the story from the Jesus without Language site

