



## Sunday Prayer at Home for Families - Before a Meal 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – August 2nd, 2020

### Gathering Rite

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader prays:*

**Leader:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Family:** Amen

**Leader:** Trusting in the mercy of God, let us call to mind our sins.

**Family:** I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking your breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brother brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

### Liturgy of the Word

**Leader:** A reading from the gospel of St. Matthew (*Matthew 14:13-21*)

**Family:** Glory to You, O Lord.

**Leader:**

The Gospel can be found at:

<https://adorers.org/wp-content/uploads/secured/2020/07/Ord18ACombo.pdf>

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Family:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Prayer of the Faithful

**Leader:** As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father.

**Leader:** For the church throughout the world and all her people. Lord, in your mercy.

**Family:** Hear our prayer. (*Repeat after each petition.*)

**Leader:** For people who hunger and thirst for an end to war and fear. Lord, in your mercy.

**Leader:** For people who feel sad, lonely, or forgotten. Lord, in your mercy.

**Leader:** For our wonderful world and all of God's precious creation. Lord, in your mercy.

**Family:** Our Father...

**Family:** Bless us, O Lord and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader prays:

**Leader:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Family:** Amen

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### Questions for discussion or reflection

- 1) Do you think that it is hard work to prepare a meal for such a large crowd? How do you prepare to serve such a large number of people?
- 2) What problem did Jesus and his disciples face?
- 3) What did Jesus suggest they should do? How did the disciples feel about this?
- 4) Jesus cared deeply about his followers and did not want them to go hungry. What did he do with the small amount of food that they had?
- 5) Imagine you were one of the disciples. How would you feel when you saw Jesus perform this miracle?
- 6) How does Jesus feed his faithful followers today?

\*Continuing the Conversation:

- Make woven baskets. Use the link here: <https://www.kitchentableclassroom.com/how-to-make-a-paper-basket-weaving/> to make your own woven baskets. Add your own paper or playdoh fish!
- Act out the story of the disciples sharing food with the crowd. Pass around a basket with bread, crackers, or rolls for each person to take. Enjoy the snack together while talking about Jesus' power to make great things happen in our life. Jesus performs a miracle to make sure the crowd is fed. He does the same for us when we ask for his help.