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**CHRIST THE KING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**Week 1 - "Our Faith" - Our Father** – In all of our parish Masses, we say this prayer together, and it is the prayer that Jesus instructed us to pray. So, as we embark on our prayer together, we will spend the first week praying our Lord's Prayer.

**Day 1 - "hallowed be thy name..."**

The name of God is holy. God's name cannot be made more holy by anything that we do, because it already is perfectly holy. However, we can lead ourselves and others to better respect God's name, to better recognize just how holy it is.

Where are we too casual with God's name? Do we use it only with the upmost respect, or do we treat it just like any other word? How might better respecting God's name, even in the small moments, better lead us to respecting God more?

Prayer: Luke 1: 47-49

**Day 2 - "Thy Kingdom come"**

Jesus came, not just to open up the gates of heaven for all people, but also to bring God's Kingdom here on earth. We can help make this Kingdom present here on earth by how we treat one another, by partaking in the Sacraments, by worshiping God.

How are we individually being called to make God's Kingdom present here on earth? And are we striving to enter into heaven on earth, or are we striving for self-centered desires?

Prayer: Matt 6: 19-21

**Day 3 - "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."**

We can serve God's will, or our own. We all encounter difficult moments where we feel like what we want is different than what God wants, or that we know better than the Church about what is right and wrong.

In these moments, we can follow Adam and Eve's example and think that God does not have our interests at heart, which would lead us to reject him in favor of our own selves. Or, we can follow Christ's example and bring our wants to God, but ultimately telling God that we only want them if they are part of God's will.

Prayer: Garden of Gethsemane. – Luke 22: 39-46

We often fall into thinking that it was easy for Jesus to follow God's command since he is the Son. However, we see here Christ so passionately praying about following God's will that he sweats blood. May we accept the grace of God's strength to follow His will when we are similarly struggling with following God's will.

**Day 4 - "Give us this day our daily bread."**

We pray for God to give us both our earthly needs and for the Eucharist. The Eucharist, being the source and summit of our faith, is supreme gift from God to us. When we properly recognize this gift, we realize that as long as we have the Eucharist we can give all of our worries about earthly matters over to God.

This is not to say that when we have faith in God we will be given promotions at work, or new cars, or win the lottery. Rather, when we appropriately have God at the center of our lives then we will not be drawn into the trap of thinking that we cause our own well-being on earth. We will see that God is present in all of our earthly matters. We also pray for our daily bread, not my daily bread. May we seek to ensure that all other people, especially those that look different from us or live in a different place than us, have their own daily bread instead of worrying about our own excess bread.

Prayer: Matthew 6: 25-34

**Day 5 - "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"**

This petition calls on us to be very aware of how damaging our sins are. Many of us have a tendency



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to minimize our own sins, by either telling ourselves that other people sin worse than we do, or that our sins are not *that* bad. Yet, the truth remains that each and every one of our sins harms our relationships with God, ourselves, and each other. May we always see this, and seek to fight against it. May we be given the grace of shame, the grace to see that we have done wrong and to seek forgiveness.

The second part of this petition reminds us that God will forgive us *only* as much as we forgive others. It is not that God will withhold forgiveness from us, but rather that we choose to reject the grace of forgiveness from God when we refuse to forgive others. We must forgive others, *especially* when they have hurt us deeply.

Prayer: Parable of the unrepentant debtor – Matt 18: 21-35

#### Day 6 - “And lead us not into temptation,

Our sins often stem from the fact that we have been tempted into them by Satan. Many of us find it difficult to understand the existence of Satan and the demonic, but the fact that we struggle to understand does not make them any less real. It just makes them more dangerous. May we properly understand Satan’s temptations and ask for God’s grace to reject them.

St. Francis de Sales gives us great advice in battling temptations. He says we must seek to avoid temptation. The adage “you are more likely to fall off the cliff if you walk along the edge” applies here. St. Francis also tells us to notice when we are feeling anxious, and to turn to Jesus in trust in those moments. And ultimately, we must rely on God’s grace to help us conquer temptation. We cannot do it on our own, and true toughness is not trying to conquer it on our own but rather accepting God’s grace.

Prayer: Jesus’ Temptations – Matthew 4: 1-11

#### Day 7 - “but deliver us from evil.”

Jesus prays to God the Father, saying that “I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:15). We seek God to shield us from the reality of the evil that seeks to corrupt us. Evil was already conquered with the cross, so we ask that God helps us accept his offer to be taken up into the cross.

This last petition ultimately forces us out of ourselves to all of humanity. It is not asking to deliver *me* from evil, but rather *us* from evil. We ask God to protect all people, the ones we know personally and the ones we don’t, from the evils of the physical and spiritual world. When we are free from evil, we are able to accept God’s grace and be a conduit of grace for the world.

Prayer: Renewal of Baptismal promises – rejecting Satan

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.