

**Chaplain's Report**  
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Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (cf # 578-597) on the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus's disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray (cf Lk. 11:1). In response, Jesus taught them the Our Father (cf Mt. 6:9-13) during His Sermon on the Mount. The true home of the Our Father is in the celebration of the Eucharist which embodies its seven petitions (cf Comp. #580-81).

In the Our Father, we approach God the Father with simplicity and trust. The Holy Spirit joins us to Christ so that we may have knowledge of the Father and become His children (cf # 582-83). The Church is the communion of those who call God their Father. Thus, the Our Father is implicitly a prayer for the unity of the Church and the unity of the entire human family. In Christ and the Holy Spirit, we are lifted up to share the Father's glory in heaven (#584-86). After the opening come seven petitions. The first three praise God for His glory. The last four ask God to bend down to assist us in our needs.

The first petition "hallowed be thy Name" we are asking to be made holy by professing God's Name and by making it known. "Thy Kingdom come" (the second petition) we pray for Christ to come in glory and we ask to share in the holiness of the Kingdom of God. The third petition "on earth as it is in heaven" we ask the Father to unite our will with that of His Son. We also beg that God's plan of salvation be realized in our lives and may know and do His Will (#588-91).

The final four petitions relate to our human condition and begin with a prayer for "our daily bread". Here we ask God for what we need. Thus, we seek to be nourished by the living Word of God and by the Body of Christ in the Eucharist (# 592-3). The fifth "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" we beg God to forgive our sins, confident as we are in the power of His love. Opening our hearts to Christ's love, we find the grace to forgive our enemies. When we do so, we share in divine mercy and the peace of God's Kingdom (#594-95).

By the sixth, "lead us not into temptation", we ask God to stand by us so that we may clearly know right from wrong and have the strength to persevere in holiness and be one with Jesus (#596). The final petition we pray is "deliver us from evil". We make this prayer not only for ourselves, but indeed for all the church, and for the world.

The last word of the Our Father is "Amen", by which we express our assent to the prayer Jesus taught us. A good Knight is a man of prayer. So, pray daily the prayer that Jesus taught us. Pray for the success of our Parish Luau, the Air Show, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Fraternally,

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