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DISCUSSION EXAMINATION 3

The Lord's Prayer

Directions to Sponsors or Parents: Discuss each question with your catechumen. When you are satisfied that you and your catechumen understand what a particular question is asking, you or he may write down what he has said in response to the question. The language of the catechism and class discussions will help you and your catechumen form the answers to these questions. Let your catechumen "practice" with you in his own words what he might say in answer to these questions. Feel free to discuss these questions with your catechumen and others in your family before writing anything down. By discussing these questions together and speaking the answers to you, your catechumen will begin to learn how to confess the faith with his mouth.

1. What is prayer?

2. Why does the Christian pray?

3. How can Christians be certain that God hears and answers their prayers?

4. Why is the life of prayer described as a "holy life" or "holy living"?

5. How did Jesus teach His disciples to pray? What do we learn from this?

6. Why was the midnight visitor persistent in asking his neighbor for bread? How is God different from the neighbor who finally gave his persistent visitor bread? What do we learn from this?

7. Why did the Canaanite woman continue to pray to Jesus for mercy even though everything seemed to be against her? What do we learn from this?

8. Why did Jesus still the storm even though His disciples were filled with doubt and fear? What do we learn from this?

9. In what ways are learning by heart Bible verses, catechism, liturgy, hymns, and prayers helpful to us in our prayers and meditation?