



## Helping Your Child Grow Up Catholic

### Opening Prayer

We begin our prayer with the sign of God's love for us, shown and shared through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit:

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

Heavenly Father,  
Your love for your children knows no bounds.

Our love for our children mirrors your love  
and is a sign and sharing of that love and care  
through our words and deeds.

Give us your wisdom to know your ways;  
share with us your mercy and forgiveness;  
and strengthen us to create a household of faith  
where all learn to follow you with our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reading:** Matthew 19:13-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Question for Reflection:** How do you help your child know and love Jesus? How do you continue to grow in faith and love for our Lord?