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## God Is Our Father

“Behold, I have graven you  
on the palms of my hands.”

Isaiah 49:16

Did you know that you have a Father who is in Heaven? He is your Father. He is your parents’ Father. He is your grandparents’ Father. He is the Father of all of us. He is God.

God is the One Who made us. God made the world we live in, too. He made flowers, vegetables, trees, and animals. God made the sun and the stars and the big, blue sky. He also made rivers and lakes and oceans, and everything there is.

Why did God make you? God made you because He loves you very much. Because God loves you, He watches over you day and night. He does this by giving you all the things you need. So the food we eat, and the things we need to make clothes and houses, all come from God.

God gives you your family, the people who take

care of you, and all the people you love. God makes many things you like, things like warm sunshine, icy snow, and lots of water in which to swim. He also did not forget to make all the animals that make us happy.

How good our Father is! We should give thanks to God for all these gifts, like this:

Thank You, God, for everything!



When you talk to God, He always hears what you say. That is what **prayer** is—talking with God. God wants us to pray to Him. He loves us and wants us to talk to Him about everything.

God wants you to call Him “Father.” So we can remember, He even gave us a prayer called the **Our Father**. It begins this way:

*“Our Father, Who art in Heaven...”*

## Words to Know:

prayer

Our Father

**Q. 1** *Who made you?*

God made me (CCC 355).

**Q. 2** *Why is God called Father?*

God is called Father because He is the Creator of the world (CCC 238).

**Q. 3** *How does God our Father show His love?*

God our Father shows His love by caring for His children (CCC 239).

## We Pray:

### OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*



## 2 Heaven Is Our Home

“...no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9

In the last chapter, we learned that God is our Father. In the prayer that Jesus taught us, we say “Our Father who *art* in Heaven.” The word *art* is an old-fashioned word. It means *are*. So we see that God our Father is in **Heaven**.

Do you know what Heaven is? Heaven is God’s home and a place of perfect happiness. It will never end.

Now close your eyes and think of the most beautiful place you have ever seen. Think of the best time you ever had. Think of the things you love to do and the things that taste best. Well, Heaven is better than all of that!

Now comes the best part: God wants you to come

to live with Him in Heaven someday. In Heaven you will be happy with God forever and ever. And in Heaven, no one is ever sad or hurt or crying. You can pray:

Thank You, God, my Father, for wanting to share  
Your home with me. Amen

**Words to Know:**

Heaven

Sign of the Cross

**Q. 4** *What is Heaven?*

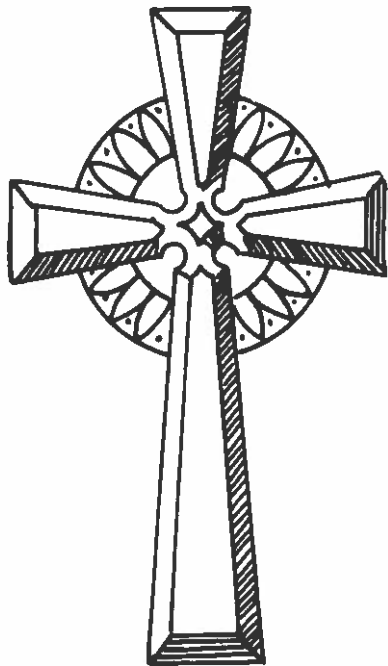
Heaven is God's home and a place of perfect happiness (CCC 326, 1024).

**We Pray:**

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

*When we talk to our Father in Heaven, we often begin and end our prayer with:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



While we say the words, we make a big cross by touching with our right hand first our forehead, then our chest, our left shoulder, and finally our right shoulder.