



LESSONS 5 CONTENT GOALS FOR DECEMBER:

- ☐ Recite this month's Scripture Memorization
 - "Father, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)
- ☐ Define the following:
 - The Three First Petitions of the Our Father
 - Hallow
 - Kingdom of God
- ☐ Describe the first three petitions of the Our Father
- ☐ Explain that praying the Our Father draws us into God's plan of salvation.
- ☐ Tell the Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- ☐ Tell the Story of St. Francis Xavier.
- ☐ **ALL: Complete your Monthly Prayer Board Activity!**

I. Our Father – The First Three Petitions – Lesson 5

MAIN IDEAS: “The Our Father expresses seven petitions or requests to God our Father... The first three petitions, which carry us to glorify the father: ‘Hallowed be Thy name,’ ‘Thy kingdom come,’ and ‘Thy will be done.’ We pray that God’s name will be made holy in our lives, that His Kingdom will rule our lives, and that His will be done in our lives. When these three petitions are prayed from our hearts, they draw us into God’s mysterious and wonderful plan for the salvation of the world.” (*FF Parent Guide, Vol IV, p.94*).

Vocabulary Word	Definition	In other words...
The First Three Petitions of the Our Father	They are petitions that draw us to the glory of God. We ask to make God’s name holy, to pray and work for the coming of God’s Kingdom, and to ask that God’s will be done in our lives.	The first three petitions ask the Father for the grace to glorify Him. We are asking for grace to serve God and participate in His saving work.

THY NAME: “Hallowed be Thy Name”

“We are praying that we treat God’s name holy so that we can enter into the eternal plan that God has for the redemption of all humanity” (*FF Leader Guide, Vol IV, p.59*).

Each baptized person is called to make God holy in his life. We bring the face of Christ to others when we carry out God’s mission. We are baptized and cleansed from sin, claimed for Christ, and called to holiness.

“When we live like sons and daughters of God, God’s name is blessed through our lives. The opposite is also true. When we live sinfully, God’s name is blasphemed (to blaspheme is to disrespect that which is holy). **We ask that God’s name be made holy in us so that we can be holy and participate in the saving work that Jesus came into this world to accomplish”** (*FF Parent Guide, Vol IV, p.298*).

Vocabulary	Definition	In other words...
Hallow	To make something Holy or to treat in a holy way	To make something holy or to treat it with deep respect
Holy	To be set aside in order to conform to God’s purpose	

THY KINGDOM: “Thy Kingdom Come”

“We are asking for God’s grace so that we can work to further the reign of God’s Kingdom on earth, as well as to wait for the Kingdom in joyful expectation” (*FF Leader Guide, Vol. IV, p. 59*).

This prayer is primarily for “the final coming of the reign of God through Christ’s return” (CCC 2818). “When Jesus comes in glory at the end of time, He will bring all things under His reign” (*FF Parent Guide, Vol IV, p.298*).

Praying that Jesus will come again in glory strengthens our commitment to work for the reign of God in our lives and in the world.

“We live in creative tension in which, one hand, the Kingdom of God is present, and on the other, the fullness of the Kingdom of God will come when Jesus returns to reign in glory” (FF Parent Guild, Vol IV, p.299).

Vocabulary	Definition
Kingdom of God	God’s reign or rule over all things

THY WILL: “Thy Will Be Done on Earth As It Is In Heaven”

“We are asking the Father to unite our will to His Son’s will. When we say yes to the Father we imitate Christ” (*FF Leader Guide, Vol IV, p.59*).

What is God’s will? “Our Father ‘desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth’...His commandment is ‘that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.’ This commandment summarizes all the others and expresses his entire will” (CCC 2822).

Jesus came to bring salvation to the entire world. He did this by uniting His will fully to the Father’s and accepted his death on the cross for all mankind.

*Garden of Gethsemane: “Not my will but yours be done” (Luke 22:42)

“Only when we are united with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit are we able to do God’s will” (*FF Parent Guide, Vol IV, p.299*).

Two-fold purpose:

- To be part of the plan that brings God’s perfection as it is in Heaven and earth
- We ask to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven ourselves

“Thy Name, Thy Kingdom, and Thy Will, prayed from our hearts, draws us into God’s mysterious and wonderful plan for the salvation of the world. We pray that God’s name be made holy in our lives, that His kingdom will rule our lives, and that His will be done in our lives” (*FF Parent Guide, Vol IV, p.299*).

HOOK QUESTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN: How can I make God’s name Holy in my life? How can I show him love and respect?

OLDER KIDS: How can I try to discern or know God’s will in my life?

IN SUMMARY:

- The first three petitions of the Our Father help us to glorify God.
- We should glorify God’s name, seek to live in His Kingdom, and strive to follow His will.