

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 24C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

God hears our prayers day and night.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? (Luke 18:7)

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You could use Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers for the children to take home, and refer to them during the address. See the prayers below and make a copy for each family. *Or you could contact Lutheran Tract Mission for copies, for a small donation.* You might consider writing your own morning and evening prayer more suited to the age of your children.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all my sins and the wrong which I have done. And graciously keep me this night. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

ADDRESS

Jesus taught us that God never gets sick of hearing our prayers, even when we ask for the same things over and over again. Is there something you are asking God for today?

Our Bible reading today talks about God's people praying to him 'day and night.' We can also pray every morning and night just like the people in the Bible. If we start our day with God it helps us to be in a good frame of mind. What kinds of things could we pray for in the morning? e.g. protect us, help us, guide us

We can end our day in prayer to God and it helps us to be thankful for the day. What kinds of things can we pray at night? e.g. thanking for the day, protect us through the night, saying sorry

We can pray to God whenever and wherever we are. That is a wonderful feeling knowing we can talk to God any time we want to.

PRAYER

Lord God, teach us to always seek you and to never give up. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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