



# The Holy See

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## Speaker:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our ongoing catechesis on the “Our Father”, let us continue to learn from Jesus how to pray as he taught. True prayer is made in the intimate depths of a heart visible only to God. It is a silent dialogue, like the glance between two people in love. Yet in this way the Christian does not forget the world, but rather brings its people and its needs into prayer. We notice the absence of the word “I” in the “Our Father”. Jesus teaches us instead to pray: “*your* kingdom come, *your* will be done”. The second half of the prayer then moves from “your” to “our”: “give us *our* daily bread; forgive us *our* trespasses”. This use of the plural shows that Christian prayer never asks bread for just one person, but always on behalf of others. In our prayer, then, do we open our hearts to the cry of others? We are all children of God, and at the end of our lives we will be judged on how we have loved. Not a sentimental love but one that is concrete and compassionate, as seen in God’s word: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40).

## Santo Padre:

Saluto i pellegrini di lingua inglese presenti all’Udienza odierna, specialmente quelli provenienti da Svezia, Australia, Hong Kong, Corea, Filippine e gli Stati Uniti d’America. Su tutti voi, e sulle vostre famiglie, invoco la gioia e la pace del Signore. Dio vi benedica!

## Speaker:

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s Audience, especially those from Sweden, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines and the United States of America. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the Lord’s blessings of joy and peace. God bless you!

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