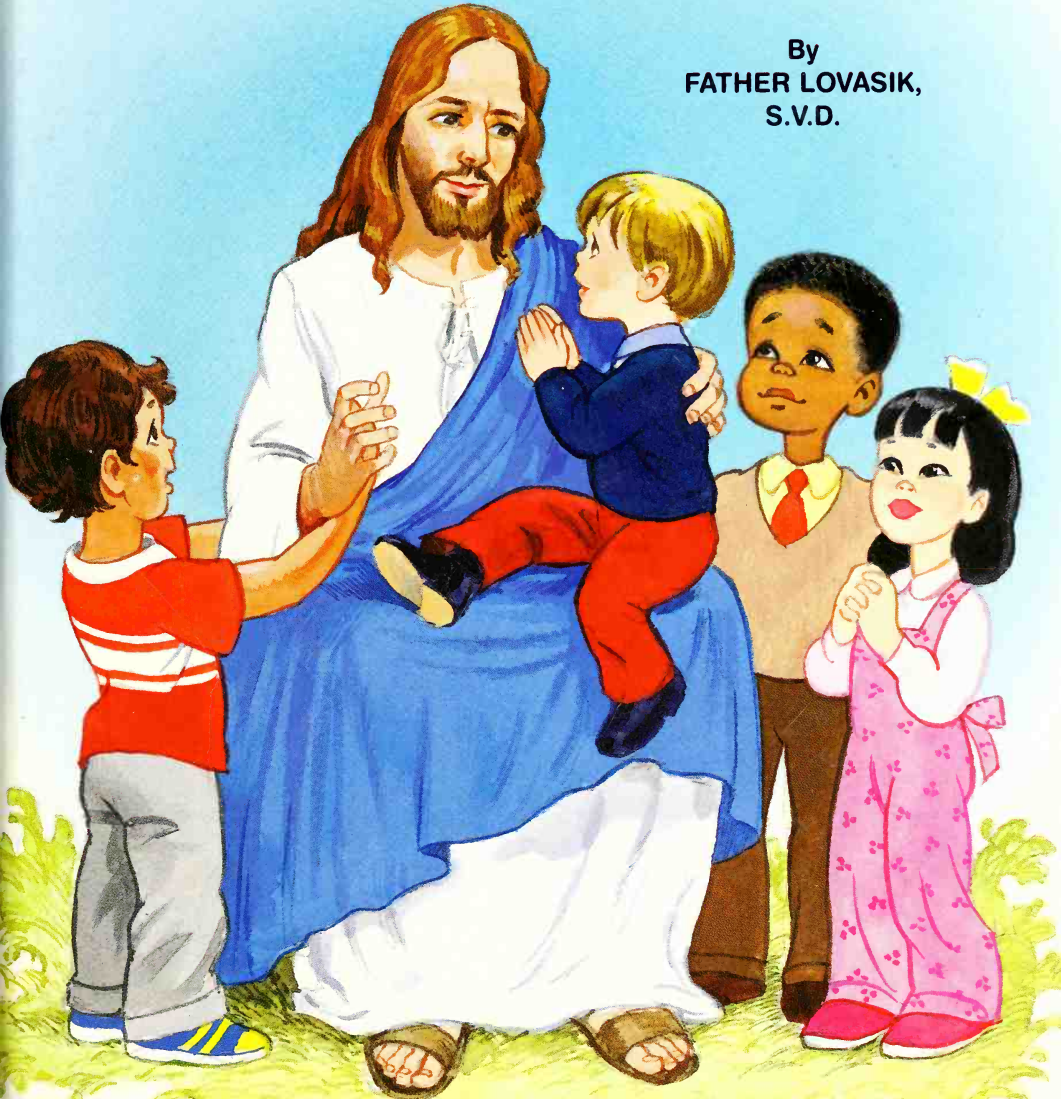


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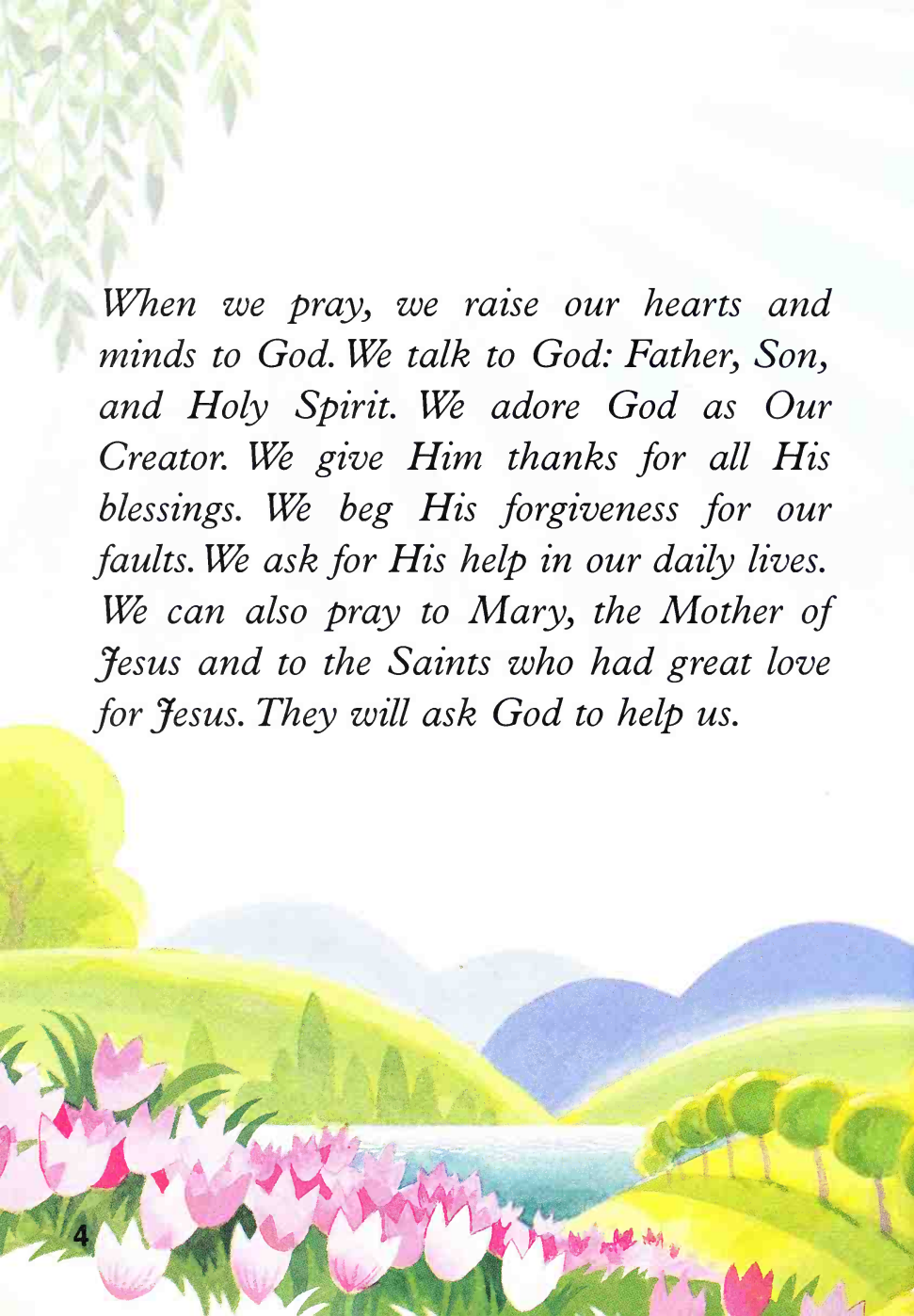
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*When we pray, we raise our hearts and minds to God. We talk to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We adore God as Our Creator. We give Him thanks for all His blessings. We beg His forgiveness for our faults. We ask for His help in our daily lives. We can also pray to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and to the Saints who had great love for Jesus. They will ask God to help us.*

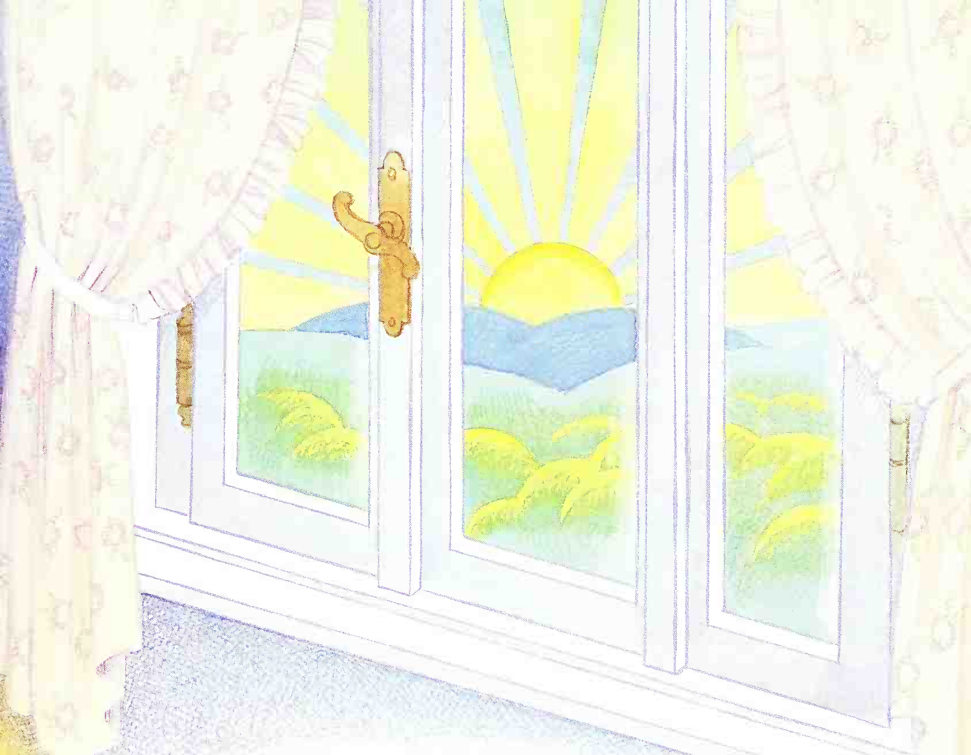


## The Glory Be

**G**lory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.







## Morning Prayer

**M**y heavenly Father,  
I thank You for this new day.  
May I live it all for You  
as Your good and loving child.

**I** know that You watch over me,  
and love me in everything You send.

# Little Prayers during the Day

Dear Jesus, help me to say  
little prayers during the day.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, I love You

Praised be Jesus Christ.



Lord Jesus,  
bless all the children of the world.

Holy Spirit, make my soul holy.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

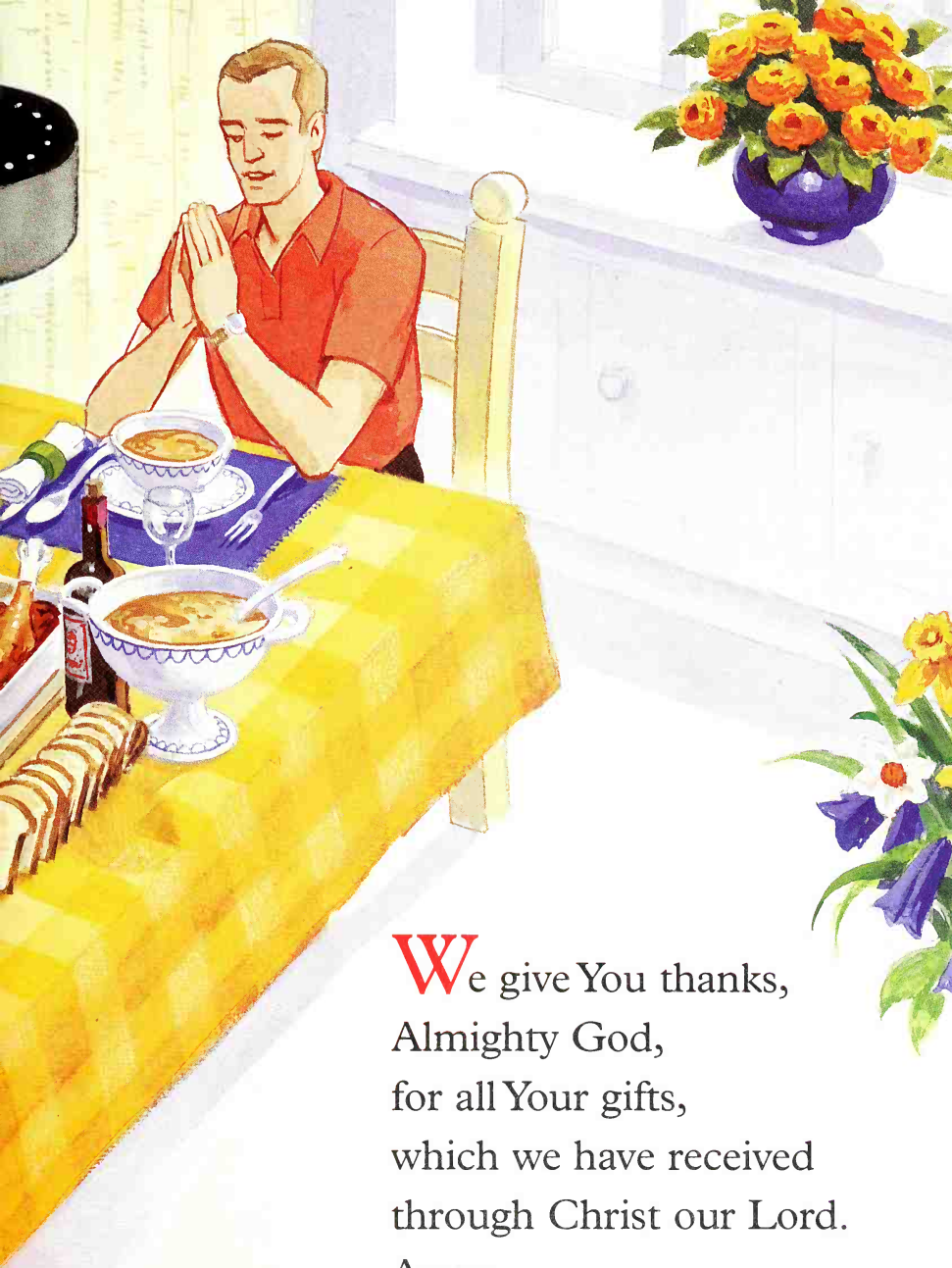
O Mary conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to you.



## Prayers before and after Meals

**B**less us, O Lord,  
and these Your gifts,  
which we are about to receive  
from Your goodness  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





**W**e give You thanks,  
Almighty God,  
for all Your gifts,  
which we have received  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Night Prayer

**I** thank You, Lord,  
for having been with me all this day.  
I thank You for the many good things  
You have done for me.

**I** ask you to forgive me  
for anything I have done wrong.  
I know that You love me all the more  
if I am truly sorry.

**B**less my dear mother and father  
and my brothers and sisters,  
and all those who are kind to me.  
Help us all to love You more  
and serve You well tomorrow.



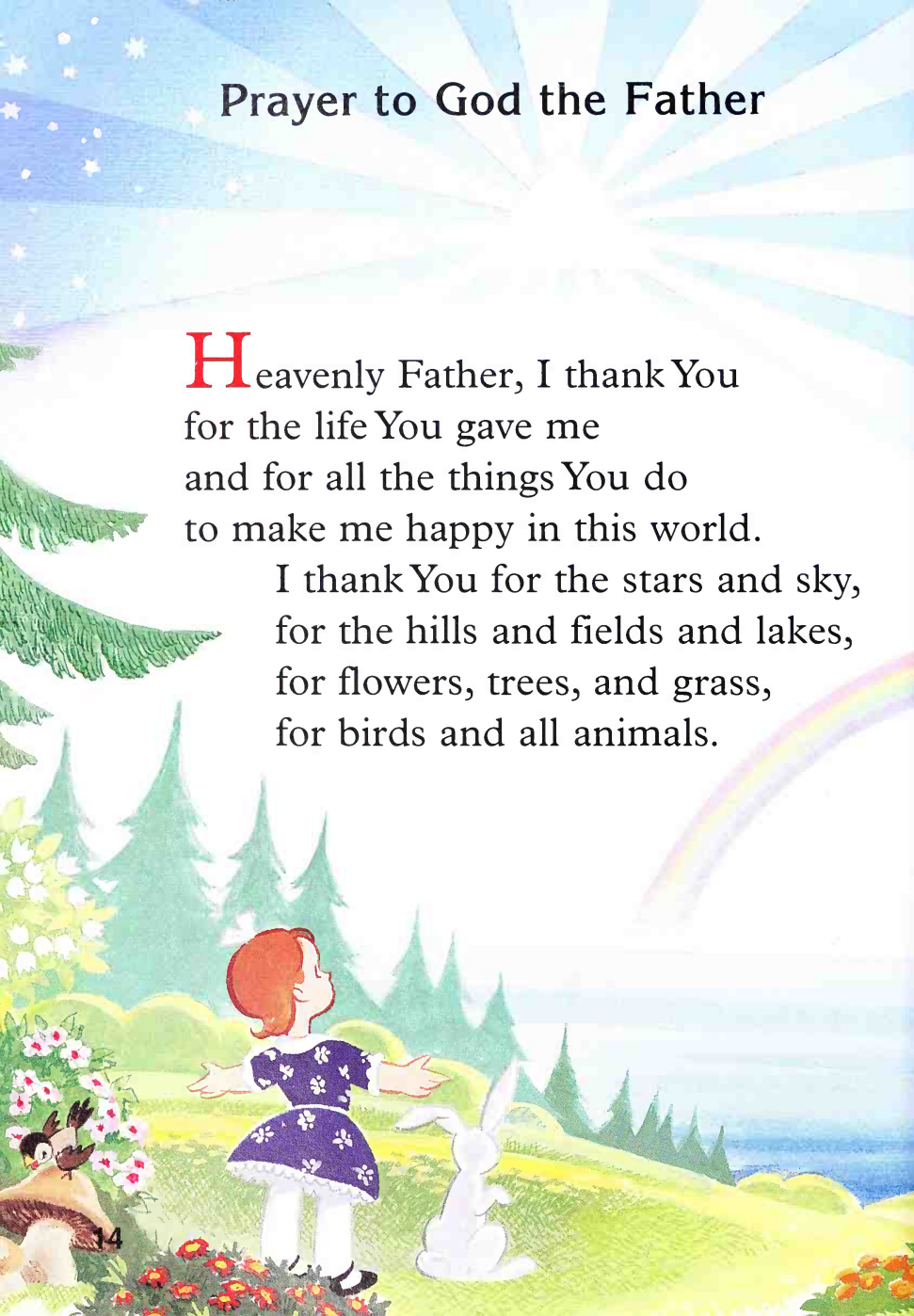


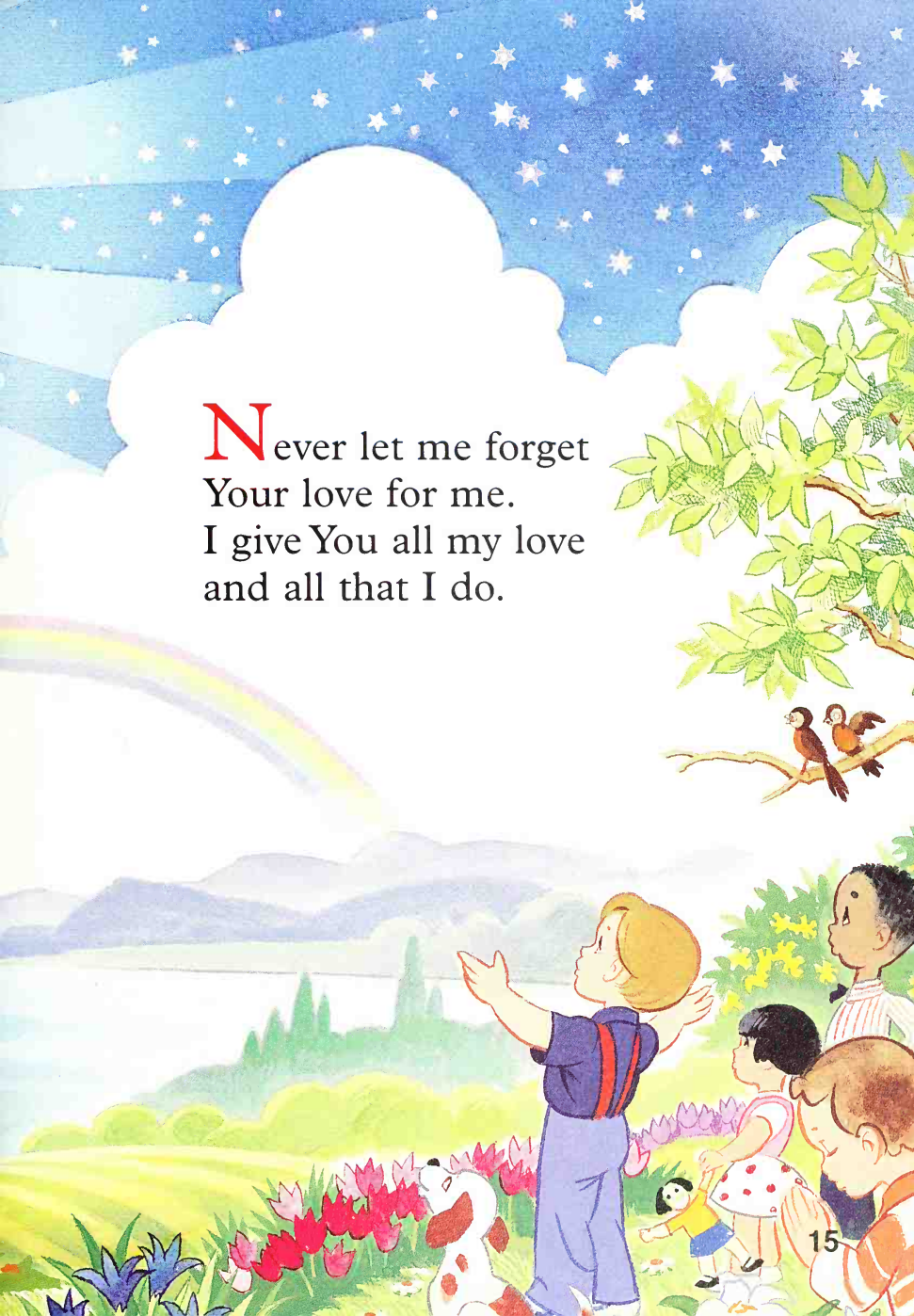


# Prayer to God the Father

**H**eavenly Father, I thank You  
for the life You gave me  
and for all the things You do  
to make me happy in this world.

I thank You for the stars and sky,  
for the hills and fields and lakes,  
for flowers, trees, and grass,  
for birds and all animals.



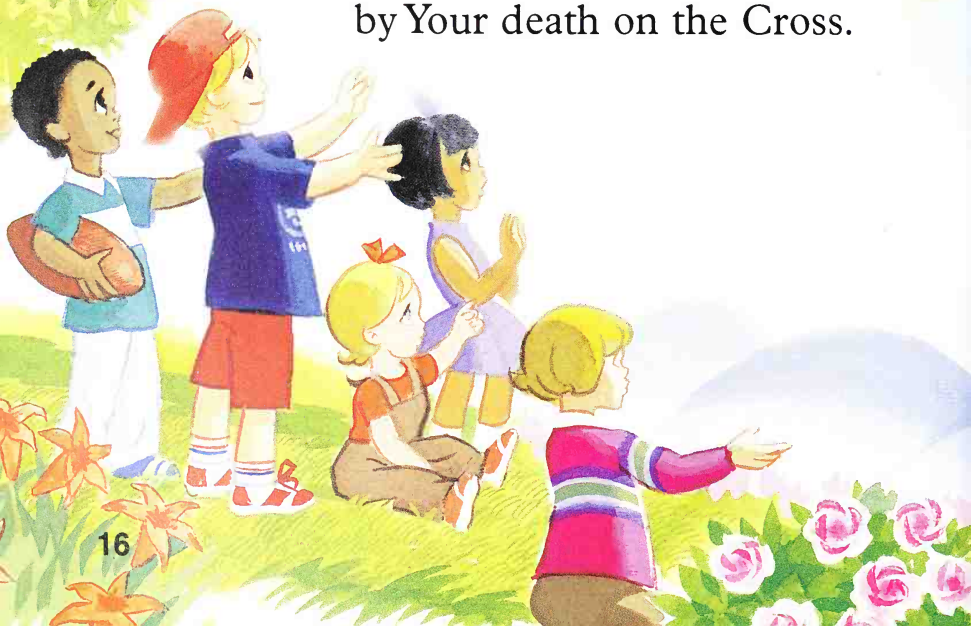
A vibrant illustration of a night scene. The sky is a deep blue, filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. A large, soft white cloud is positioned behind the text. To the left, a bright rainbow arches across the sky. Below the sky, a calm lake reflects the light, with rolling hills and mountains in the distance. In the foreground, a group of children are gathered in a field of colorful flowers, including red tulips and purple flowers. A white dog with brown spots is also present. On the right, a tree with green leaves has two small brown birds perched on a branch. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and joyful.

**N**ever let me forget  
Your love for me.  
I give You all my love  
and all that I do.

## Prayer to God the Son

**J**esus, I believe that You are my Lord  
and my Savior,  
the Redeemer of the human race,  
Who died on the Cross  
for the salvation of all people,  
and Who died also for me.

**I** thank You  
for having opened heaven  
to me  
by Your death on the Cross.





**W**ithout You I cannot save my soul.  
As You gave Your life for me,  
may I always live my life for You.



## Prayer to God the Holy Spirit

**H**oly Spirit, my God,  
the Third Person  
of the Blessed Trinity,  
I love You.

**I** thank You for the grace  
You have given me  
to make my soul beautiful  
and to help me to be good.

**Y**our grace made me a child of God;  
it opened heaven to me.

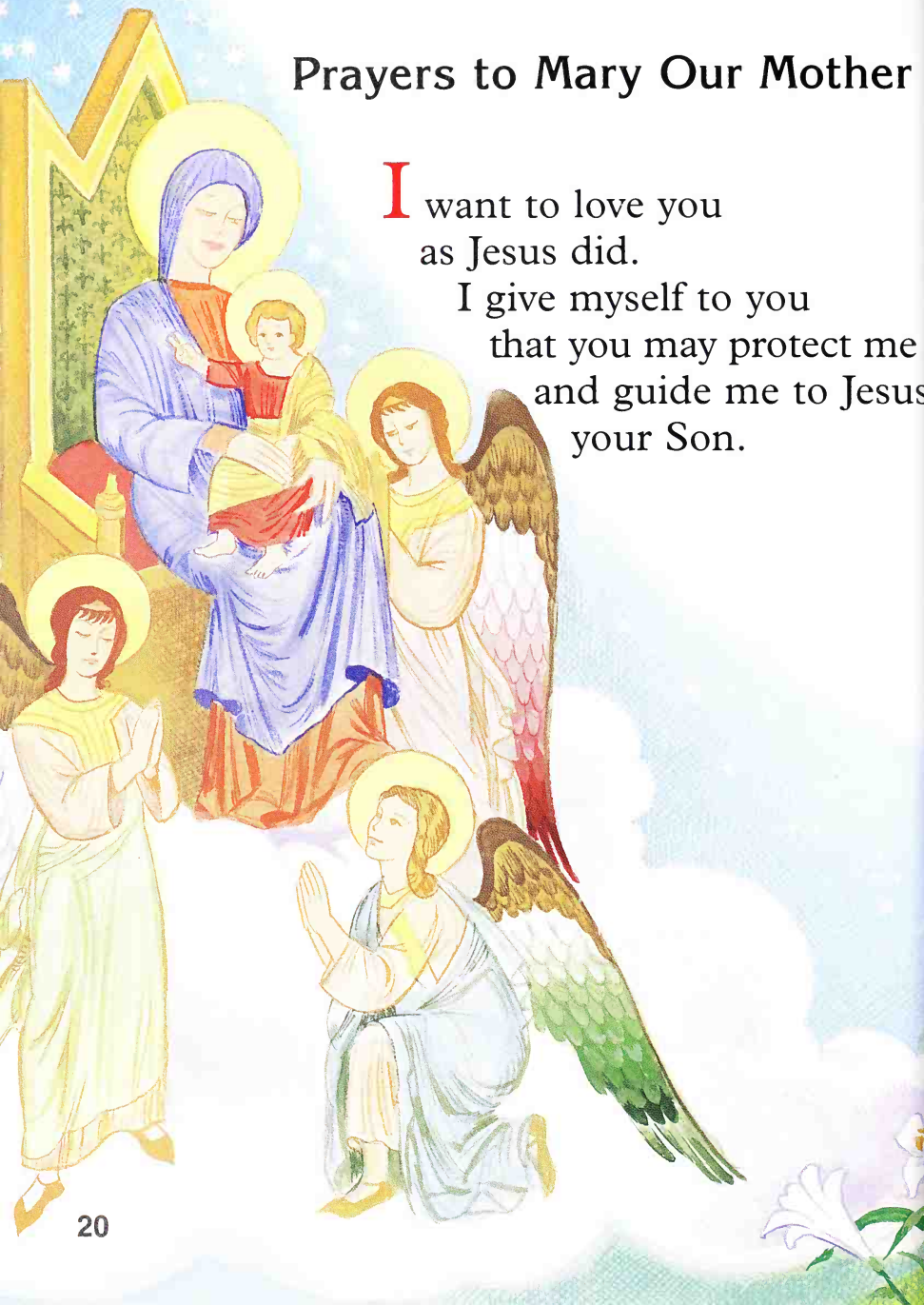
**H**oly Spirit, live in my soul  
and take me to heaven someday.



# Prayers to Mary Our Mother

**I** want to love you  
as Jesus did.

I give myself to you  
that you may protect me  
and guide me to Jesus  
your Son.

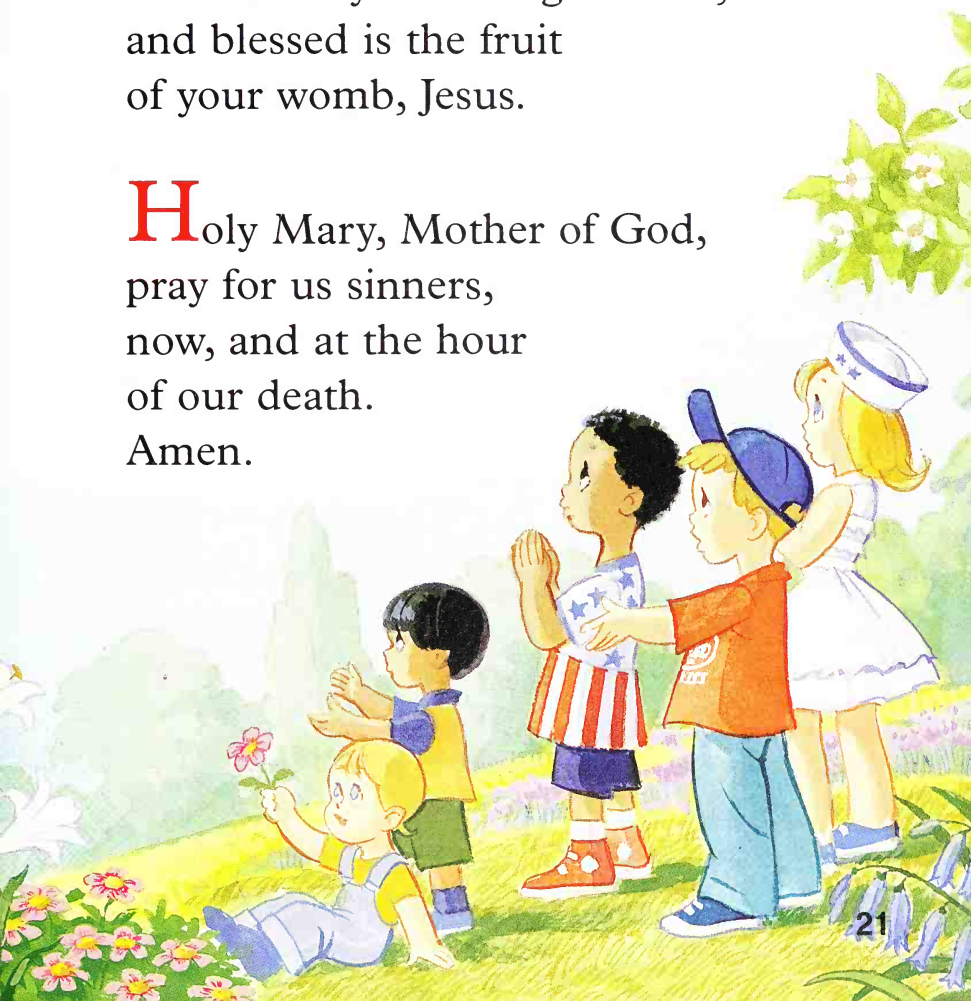




**I** pray to you in these words:

**H**ail Mary, full of grace!  
The Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb, Jesus.

**H**oly Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now, and at the hour  
of our death.  
Amen.



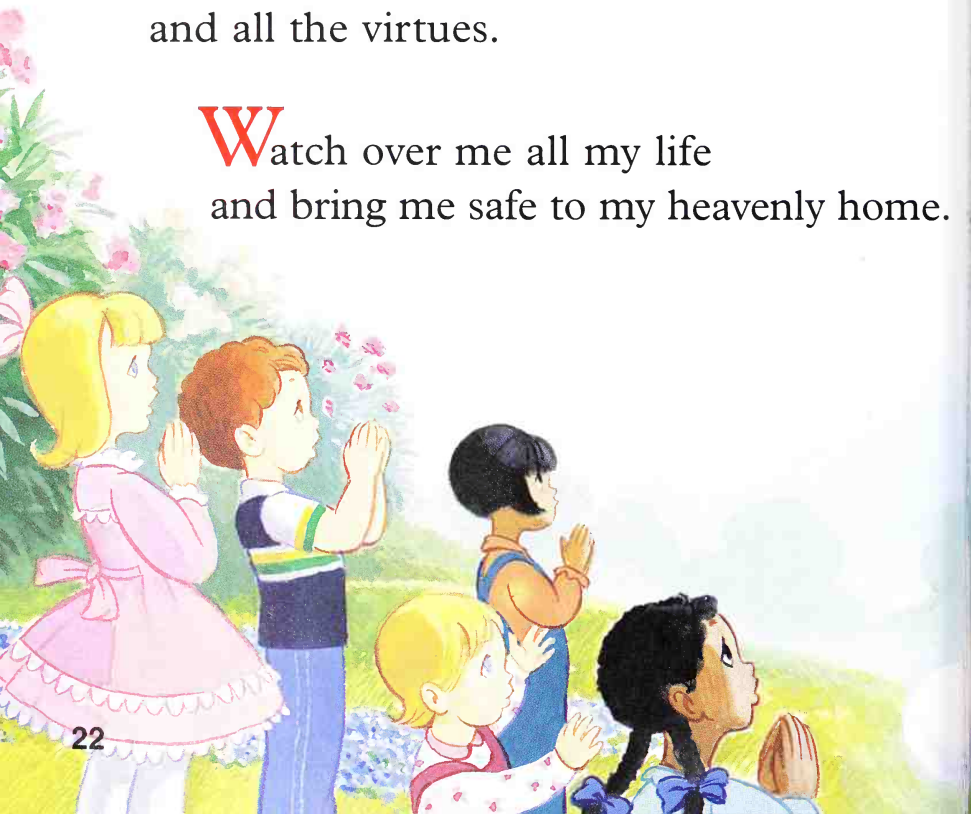
## Prayer to My Patron Saint

**D**ear Saint . . . . .

I have been honored to bear your name,  
which you made famous by your holiness.  
Help me never to shame this name.


**O**btain God's grace for me  
that I may grow in faith, hope, and love  
and all the virtues.

**W**atch over me all my life  
and bring me safe to my heavenly home.





# Prayer to My Guardian Angel

A decorative border on the left side of the page features pink flowers with yellow centers and green leaves. A small brown bird is shown in flight near the top, and another is perched on a branch at the bottom right.

**A**ngel of God,  
my Guardian dear,  
God's love for me  
has sent you here.

**E**ver this day  
be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

**K**eeep me from all danger,  
and lead me to heaven.







## Prayer for My Family

**D**ear Jesus, I thank You  
for the good  
mother and father  
You gave me.

**I** thank You  
for my brothers and sisters,  
for my home,  
for my food and clothes,  
and for all the good  
things I receive.

**B**less my parents  
for all they do for me.  
Give them grace and health  
now on earth.

## Prayer for My Relatives

**D**ear Jesus,  
You have also given me relatives,  
grandparents, aunts and uncles,  
and cousins my own age.

**W**hen our families get together,  
we always have fun,  
playing games and laughing a lot.

**T**hey are part of my family,  
my “extended” family;  
help me to be good to them  
and make them happy.







## Prayer for My Friends

**J**esus, You love children;  
You laid Your hands on them in prayer and  
blessed them.  
You said, "Let the children come to Me."



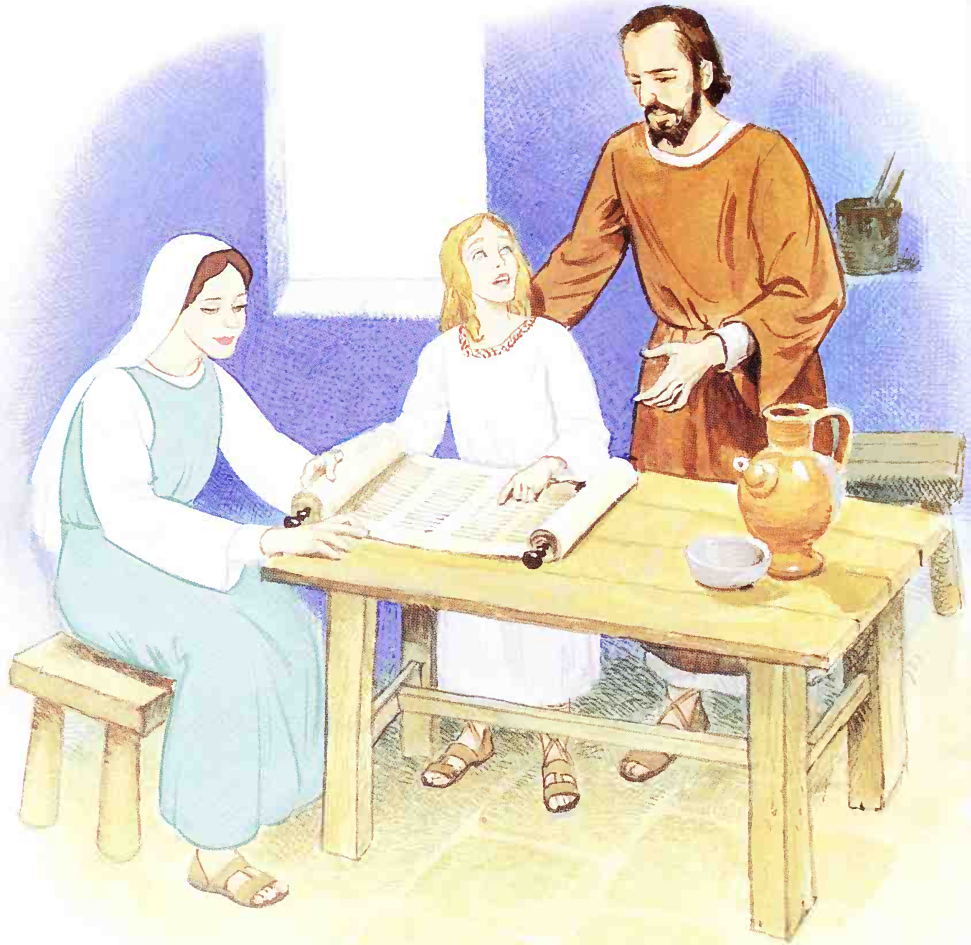


**H**elp us to be kind to each other  
as You always were.

When I work or study or play with my friends  
may I always be good to them.

Keep us from all that is bad  
that we may all be Your friends.

# Prayer for My Teachers



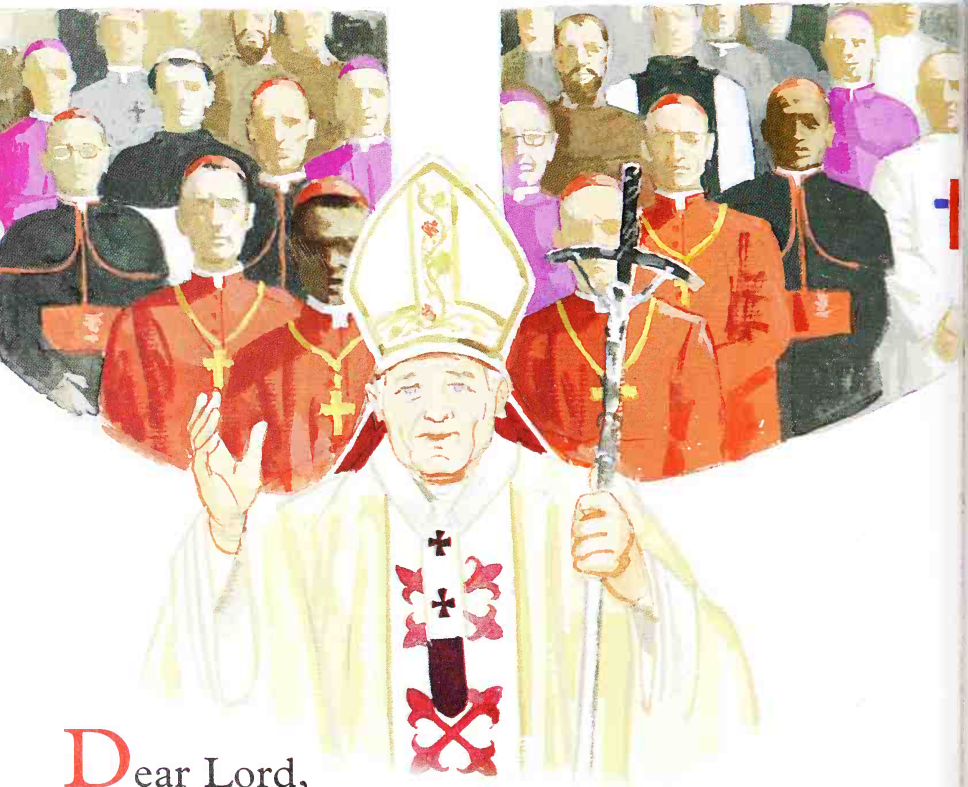
**J**esus, Your Mother Mary  
and good Saint Joseph were Your teachers  
when You were a child like me.

**H**elp me always to study hard to please my parents and teachers, but especially to please You.



**J**esus, bless my teachers who work so hard for me.

# Prayer for Those Who Teach Us Religion



**D**ear Lord,  
bless our Holy Father, our bishops and priests,  
who take Your place among us.  
They teach us Your truth, take away our sins,  
and offer Holy Mass.



**B**less all those who teach us  
to know and love You.  
Reward them in heaven.

# Prayer for Those Who Help Us







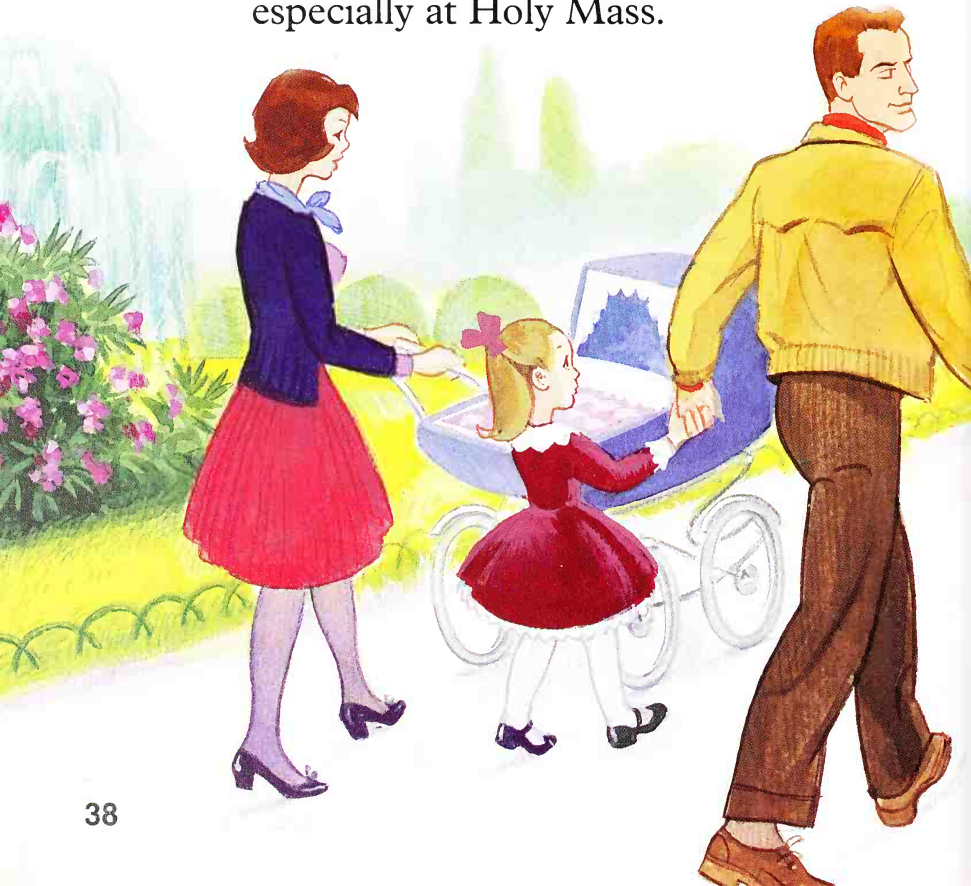
**H**eavenly Father, I thank You  
for all the people  
who help us;  
doctors, nurses, policemen,  
firemen, and many other working people.

**H**elp me to be kind to them  
and to pray for them.



## Prayer for Sunday Blessings

**D**ear Lord,  
Sunday is a special day,  
the day of the Lord—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
It is set aside  
for us to thank and praise You,  
especially at Holy Mass.





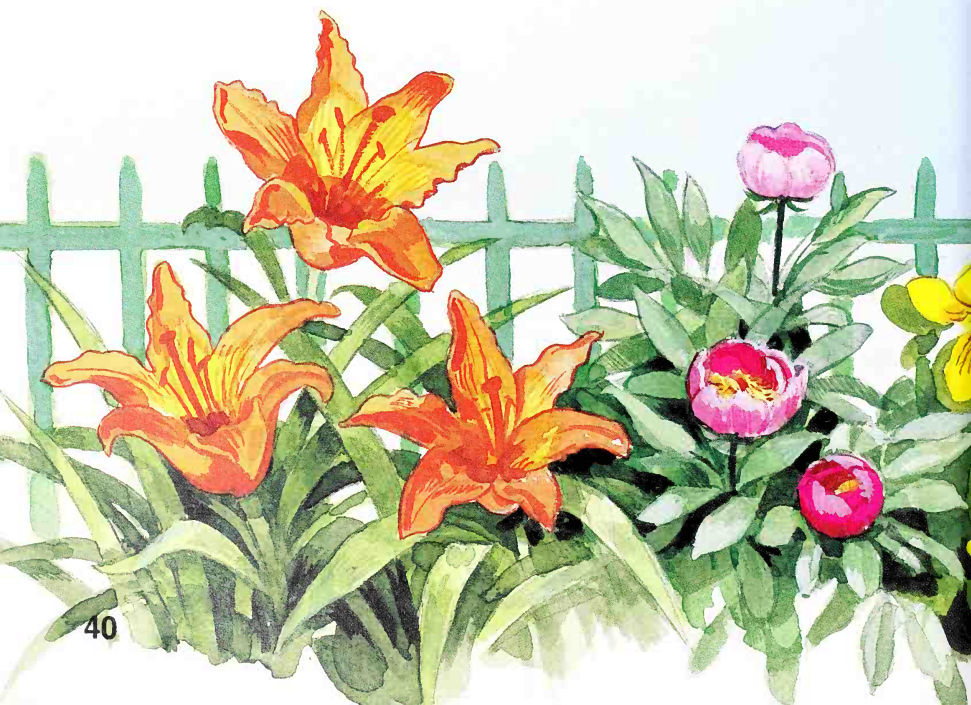
**H**elp me to rest  
from the usual things I do  
and think about God.

May everyone in my family be happy,  
and let us be good to other people.

## Prayer for Weekday Blessings

**D**ear Lord,  
this day is a gift from You;  
let me make good use of it.

**H**elp me to do what I have to do  
so that I may grow  
in body, mind, and soul.

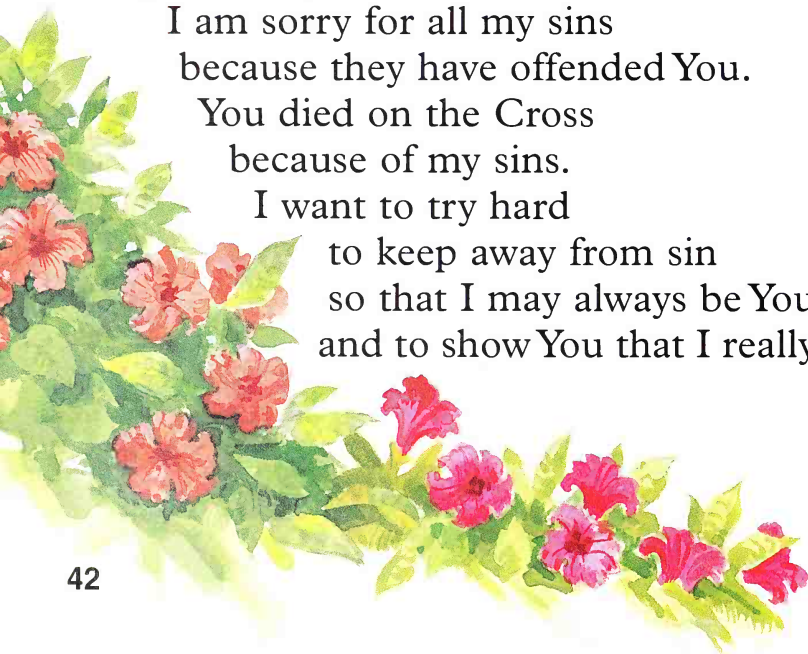




## Prayer before Going to Confession

*Sometimes we speak to God because we did something wrong and we want to ask His forgiveness; that is why we go to confession. We tell our sins to the priest and he offers God's own forgiveness. Other times we ask God's forgiveness in our heart while we are at home, or in school, or wherever we are. We know that God will listen to us until we get a chance to go to confession. One of the prayers we can use to ask God's forgiveness is:*

**J**esus, my Lord and my God,  
I am sorry for all my sins  
because they have offended You.  
You died on the Cross  
because of my sins.  
I want to try hard  
to keep away from sin  
so that I may always be Your friend  
and to show You that I really love You.







**J**esus, I believe that at the Last Supper  
You gave the Holy Eucharist,  
the sacrifice of Your Body and Blood,  
to continue for all time  
the sacrifice of the Cross.



## Prayer before Mass and Communion

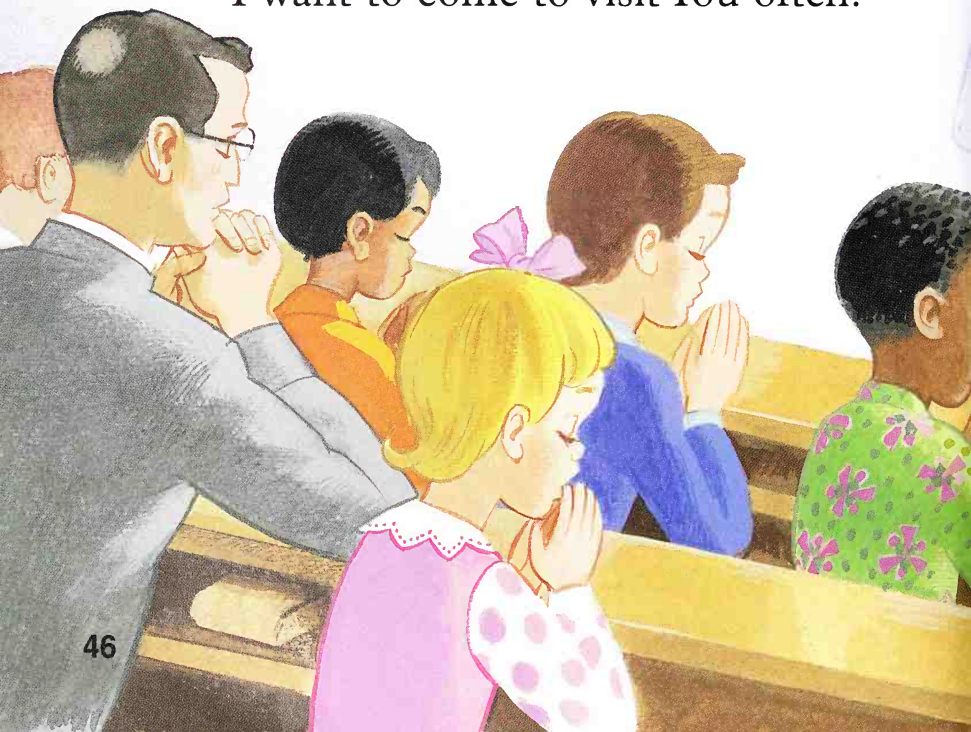
**T**he priest at Mass,  
by the power he receives from You,  
really brings You on the altar  
and offers You to God the Father,  
in the name of all the people.



# Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

**J**esus I thank You  
for staying in the Tabernacle  
day and night to be with me  
and hear my prayers  
when I need Your help.

**Y**ou are my best Friend.  
I want to come to visit You often.





**O** Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving  
be ev'ry moment Thine!

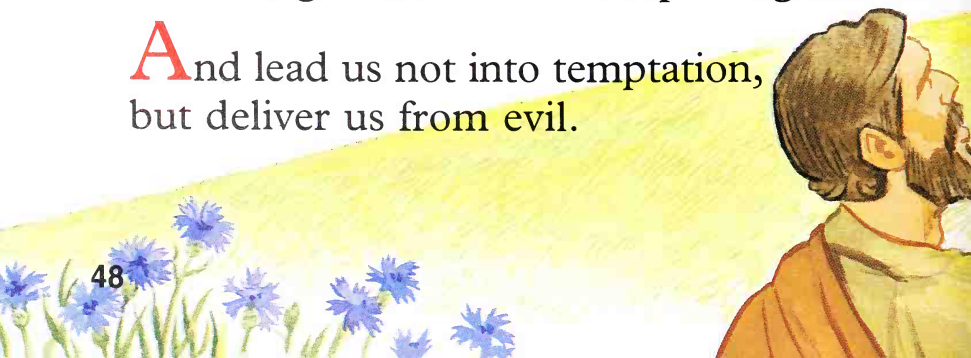
## The Our Father

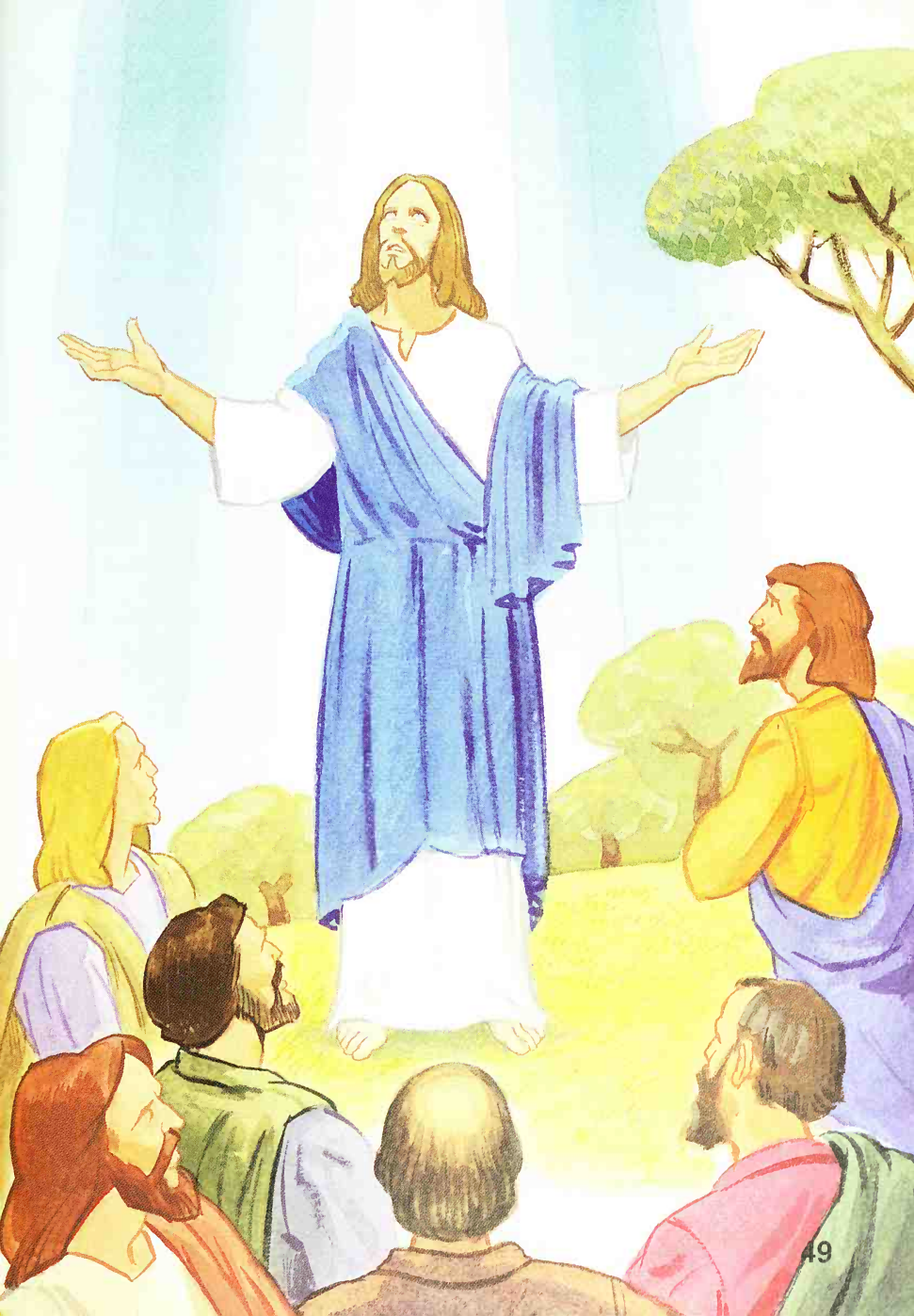
*One day the disciples were listening to Jesus teach, and when He had finished they asked Him a favor. They had heard all sorts of prayers, and they wanted Jesus to teach them a special prayer that God would really like. Jesus taught them that we should all call God our Father because He loves us as His very own children. He then taught the disciples, and us, to pray to God, our Father, as follows:*

**O**ur Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**G**ive us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**A**nd lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.





## Prayer of Thanks on Receiving Toys

**D**ear Jesus,  
I thank You for the toys.

**W**hen You were a Child  
I am sure that You also had toys.

**I** know that many children in the world  
are poor, and have no toys to play with.  
Please, help all those children.



**H**elp me to thank my parents  
for the nice things they buy for me  
by praying for them.

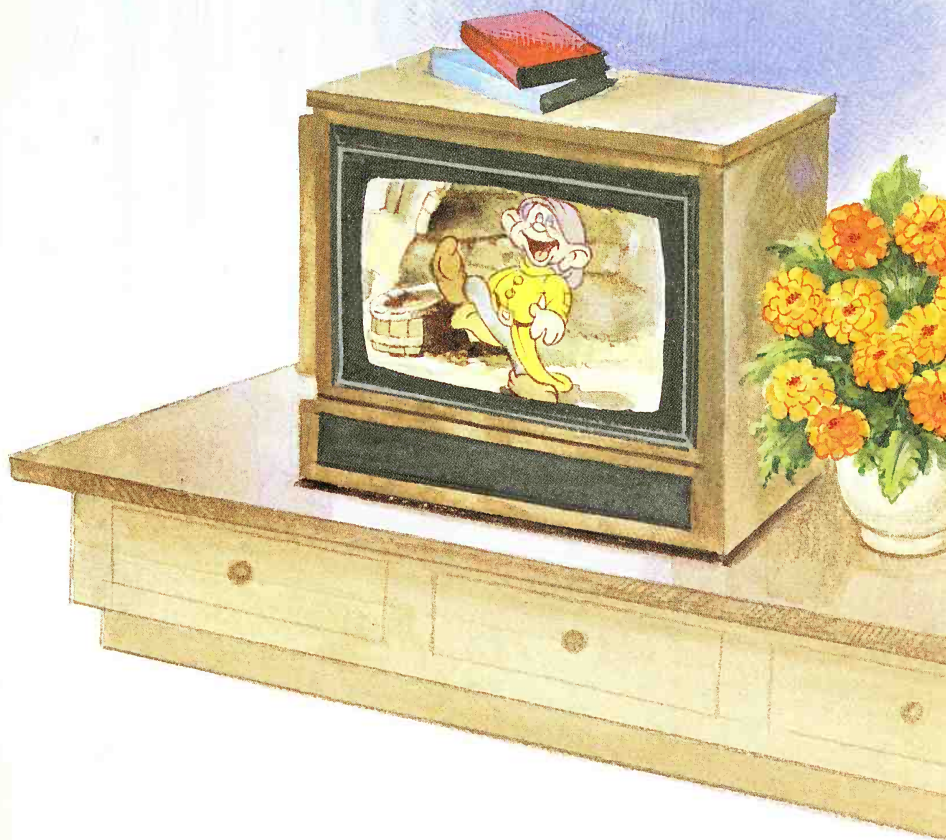


# Prayer of Thanks for All Good Things

**L**et me learn from the good things  
that I see and hear,  
but keep me from watching  
whatever may harm my soul.



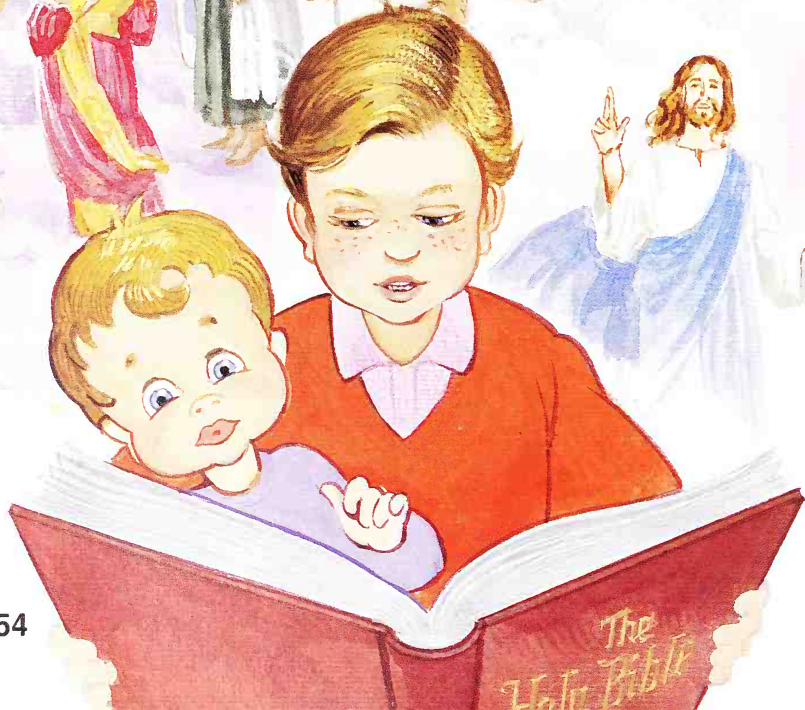




**T**each me how to enjoy  
Your many gifts  
and use them to help me  
love You more  
and serve You better.

## Prayer of Thanks for the Bible and Prayer Books

**H**eavenly Lord,  
thank You for giving us the Bible,  
which is the Word of God.



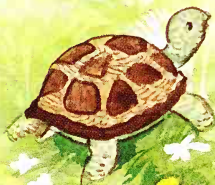


**T**hank You also for the Prayer Books, which help us learn to speak to You and also tell us about Your Church and her teachings.

## Prayer of Thanks for My Pets

**J**esus, I thank You for the many things  
You give me that make my life happy.  
You give me the little animals  
to be my companions.  
They remind me  
of how much You care for me.

**I** want to be kind to my pets  
and to all animals  
because You made them  
to give You glory.



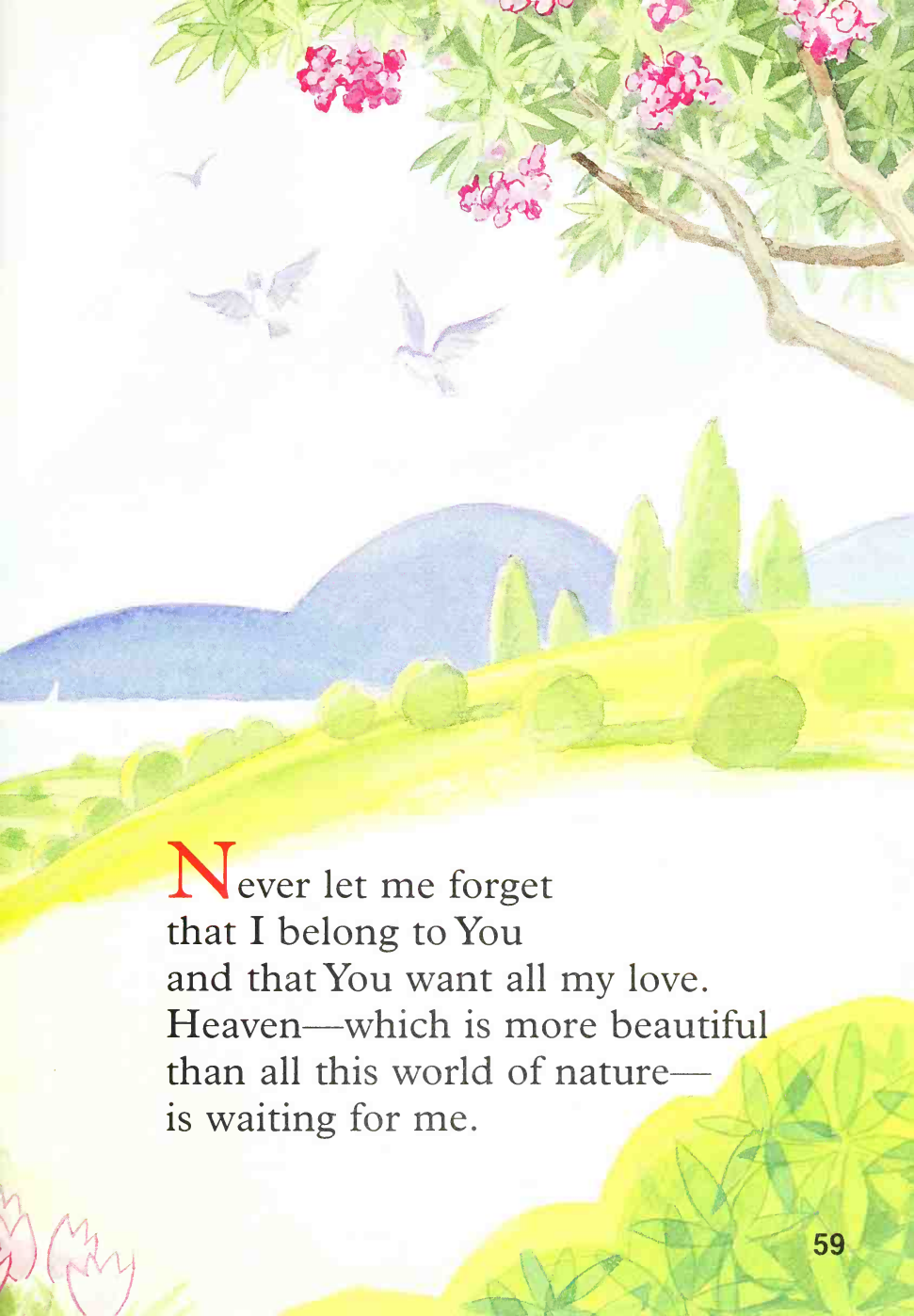


## Prayer of Thanks for the World

**H**eavenly Father, I thank You  
for the life You gave me  
and for all the things You do  
to make me happy in this world.

**I** thank You for the stars and sky,  
for hills and fields, and lakes,  
for flowers, trees, and grass,  
for birds, and all the animals.





**N**ever let me forget  
that I belong to You  
and that You want all my love.  
Heaven—which is more beautiful  
than all this world of nature—  
is waiting for me.



## Prayer of Thanks for My Country

**L**ord, thank You  
for letting me be free  
to live in peace  
and to worship You  
without fear.

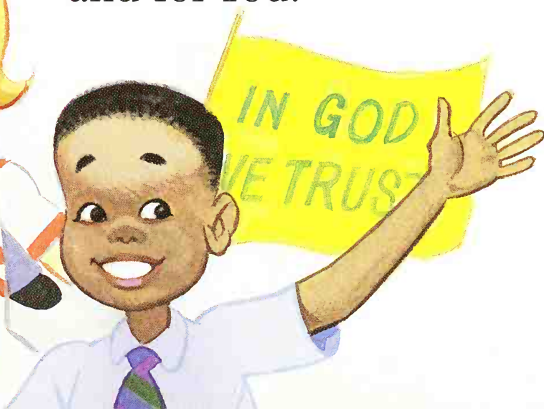






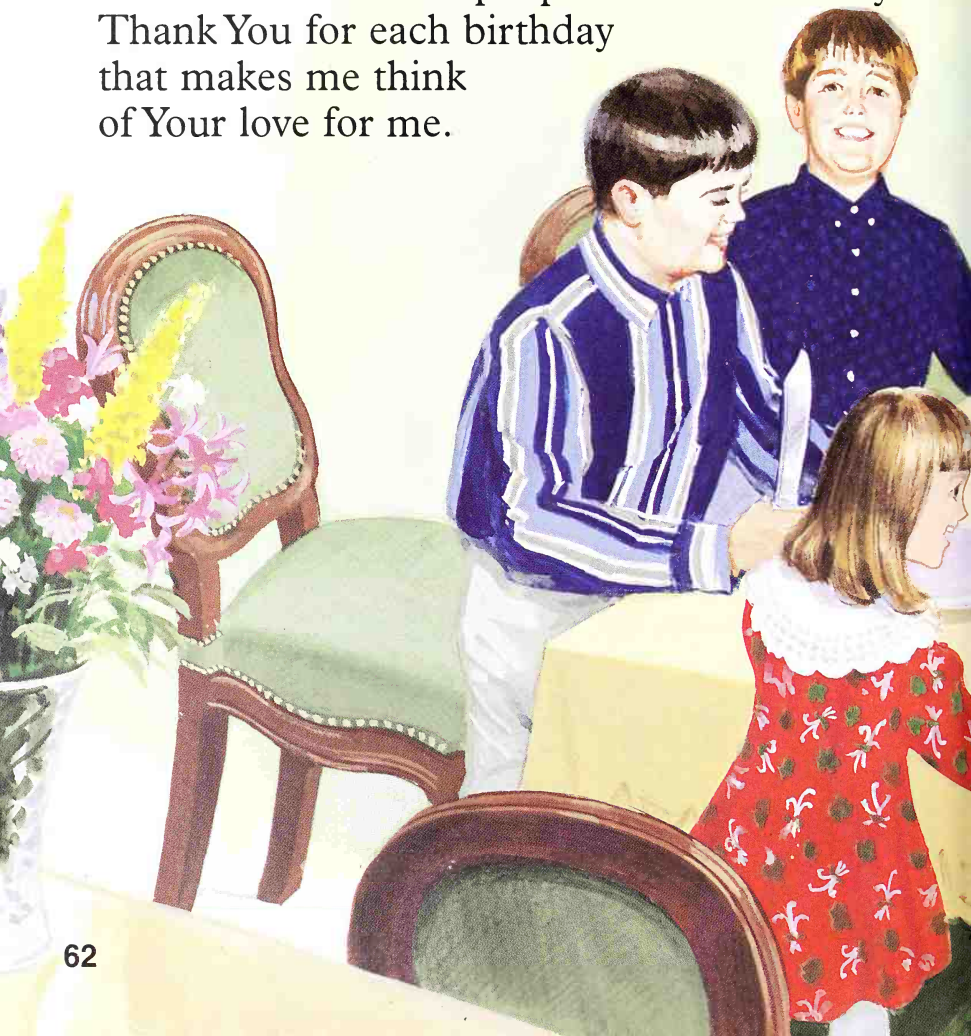
**W**atch over our leaders  
in government, and help them  
to make just laws.

**H**elp all the citizens of our Country  
to follow Your holy Will  
and to live in love for each other  
and for You.



## Prayer of Thanks for Each Day

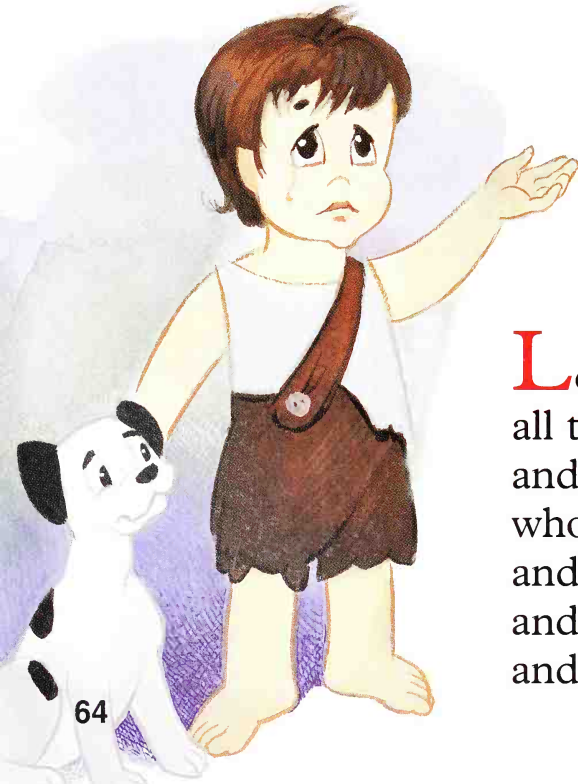
**D**ear Jesus, I thank You,  
for each day of my life is a gift from You.  
Help me to use it well,  
to serve You and the people I meet each day.  
Thank You for each birthday  
that makes me think  
of Your love for me.





## Prayer for Needy Children

**L**ord, there are many children who do not have a home because they are too poor. Some are homeless and lonesome because they have no parents, or have lost their home because of war, or floods, or earthquakes . . . .



**L**ord, please help all those children and all people who need a home and food and clothes— and hope.









*I thank You for the stars and sky,  
for flowers, trees, and grass,  
for birds, and all the animals.*

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