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PRAYER AT HOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 5 of Lenten Prayer at Home. In the Gospel of John 11:1–45, we are invited into one of the most intimate and powerful moments in the ministry of Jesus Christ. The story of the raising of Lazarus of Bethany is not only about a miracle — it is about trust, waiting, grief and glory.

In the Gospel of John, we read the moving story of Lazarus of Bethany, a dear friend of Jesus Christ, who became very sick. His sisters, Martha of Bethany and Mary of Bethany, were worried and sad. They sent for Jesus, trusting Him to help but He came after Lazarus had already died.

In the midst of their grief, Jesus spoke words full of hope: "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

Through this Gospel, we are invited to trust Jesus together as a family — to pray, to hope and to believe, even before we see the miracle. In doing so, we open our hearts to the glory of God, which shines in moments of faith, courage, and love.

May this Prayer at Home resource inspire your family to pray and trust together, holding onto the promise that when we believe, we will see God's glory in our lives.

With every blessing,

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Lent - Week 5



Gather Together

1. Find a quiet space and sit together.
2. Begin by making the sign of the cross.



Listen

3. Read from the scripture, a quote from St.John 11:1-45



"If you believe you will see the glory of God."

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Reflect

4. Spend a moment reflecting on this week's scripture. In the Gospel of John, we hear about Lazarus of Bethany and his sisters, Martha of Bethany and Mary of Bethany. They were very worried and sad because Lazarus was very sick. They sent a message to Jesus Christ asking Him to come but by the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already died. Jesus said something very important, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." Jesus did something amazing. He prayed to His Father and called Lazarus out of the tomb. Lazarus came back to life! Everyone saw how powerful God's love is.

Sometimes we pray for something — maybe for someone to feel better, for help at school or for a problem to go away — and it feels like nothing is happening. We might wonder, "Is Jesus listening?"

This story teaches us that Jesus always listens. He loves us even more than Martha and Mary loved their brother. But sometimes He answers our prayers in ways we do not expect, or at a different time than we want.

As Catholics, we learn to trust Jesus, especially when it is hard. When we go to Mass, receive the Eucharist and pray at home, we are saying, "Jesus, I believe in You." Faith means trusting that God is working, even when we cannot see it yet.

Pray

5. Spend a minute in complete stillness and quiet, reflecting and then say the prayer below together.

Lord Jesus,
In the Gospel of John,
You told Martha of Bethany,
"If you believe, you will see the glory of God."
Sometimes I feel sad or worried,
like Martha and Mary of Bethany did
when their brother Lazarus of Bethany was sick.
Help me to remember
that You are always with me.
When I have to wait,
help me to trust You.
When I am afraid,
help me to believe You are near.
When I cannot see the answer,
help me to have faith in Your love.
Jesus, I believe in You.
Show me Your glory in my life —
in my family,
in my friends,
and in my heart.
Amen.



Living out the Message

6. Jesus Christ asks Martha of Bethany to trust Him before she sees the miracle. We can learn to trust Jesus in our everyday lives, too by:

🌟 **1. Praying.** Even if prayers are not answered right away, keep trusting Jesus. **Try this:** Say, "Jesus, I trust in You."

❤️ **2. Trust God When Sad.** Jesus cares when you are sad. **Try this:** Tell Him how you feel or light a candle for someone hurting.

🤝 **3. Show God's Glory** through love, kindness and forgiveness. **Try this:** Include someone, forgive a friend, help at home.

⛪ **4. Attend Mass**. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. **Try this**: Pay attention and thank Him after Communion.

When Jesus said, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God," He was teaching us that faith comes first.

When we trust Jesus, love others and keep praying — even while waiting — we will begin to see God's glory shining in our own lives. ✨