

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 June 2024 - Year B

**“Little girl, I say to you, arise.”**

### Something to Think About

How do you know if someone is alive? Can you feel your heart beating? Maybe a grown up can show you how to take your pulse.

### The Story

Today's gospel shows us that no problem is too big for Jesus.

A man named Jairus asked Jesus to heal his daughter who was dying. By the time Jesus arrived, the little girl had died. But Jesus raised her back to life.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark**

**5:21-24, 35-43**

Jesus got into the boat and crossed Lake Galilee.

Then as he stood on the shore, a large crowd gathered around him. The person in charge of the Jewish meeting place was also there. His name was Jairus, and when he saw Jesus, he went over to him. He knelt at Jesus' feet and started begging him for help.

He said, "My daughter is about to die! Please come and touch her, so she will get well and live."

Jesus went with Jairus. Many people followed along and kept crowding around. A little while later, some men came from Jairus' home and said, "Your daughter has died! Why bother the teacher anymore?" Jesus heard what they said, and he said to Jairus, "Don't worry. Just have faith!"

Jesus did not let anyone go with him except Peter and the two brothers, James and John. They went home with Jairus and saw the people crying and making a lot of noise. Then Jesus went inside and said to them, "Why are you crying and carrying on like this? The child is not dead. She is just asleep." But the people laughed at him.

After Jesus had sent them all out of the house, he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples and went to where she was. He took the twelve-year-old girl by the hand and said, "Talitha, kum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" The girl got right up and started walking around. Everyone was greatly surprised. But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened. Then he said, "Give her something to eat."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video: [Jairus' Daughter](#)



## Group Discussion

Can you imagine how relieved Jairus must have felt to find Jesus and to hear Jesus agreeing to come and help his daughter? How do you think Jairus felt after the heard that his daughter had already died? Jairus still had faith and kept on believing that Jesus could do what seemed impossible.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray that our hearts will be full of thanks for God's gift of life. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for parents who are worried about their children. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for all children who are sick. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who have no food, no clothes and no home. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray for the faith to trust in Jesus when things seem impossible. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
We know that nothing is impossible  
for you. Teach us to pray in times of  
trouble and to trust in your power  
to help us.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

### RAISING JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

*You will need: a template for each child, crayons or coloured pencils, scissors*

Colour the picture of Jairus' daughter.

Cut holes as indicated for children to create a finger puppet with their index finger and middle finger.

Children can retell the story, making Jairus' daughter lay down until Jesus says "Little girl, get up!"



# *RAISING JAIRUS' DAUGHTER*



**A LITTLE GIRL WAS VERY SICK. THEY THOUGHT SHE MIGHT DIE. HER FATHER CAME TO JESUS FOR HELP. JESUS WENT WITH HIM TO HELP THE GIRL.**

**JESUS TOOK THE LITTLE GIRL BY THE HAND AND TOLD HER TO GET UP. SHE GOT UP AND STARTED TO WALK AROUND.**



HELP JESUS FIND HIS WAY TO THE SICK GIRL

