

CHILDREN'S PRAYER LEAFLET : GET UP AND WALK

(June 2024)

The Bible is a love story showing us God's love for us all. God loves us so much that he has a plan for all of us, parents and children. He wants us to be holy: "Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy" (Mt5:48). God does not ask for what is beyond our reach. A good father cannot overload his child with burdens that are beyond him. To be able to do what he asks of us, God gives us talents: parents, brothers and sisters, friends, the Church, the community, groups. But we often don't use God's gifts well. We continue to commit sin. We must make an effort to get back on our feet and love God.

In chapter five of John's Gospel, we have the story of the 38-year-old paralytic. It was Jesus who healed him by saying to him: "Get up and walk". It's a good thing that all children may make an effort to grow in their love for Jesus and talk to him a lot, every day.

THE LITTLE STORY



Blessed Anna-Maria Taïgi, Wife and Mother, Trinitarian Tertiary (1769-1837)

Once upon a time, Anna-Maria Gianetti followed her father to Rome. The little girl spent barely two years at school, where she learned to read only. Her parents took their bitterness out on the girl, but she was always gentle towards them. Anna-Maria started work at an early age to help her parents. She grew up devout, hard-working and coquettish, taking pleasure in adorning herself. Domenico, who worked day in, day out at the palace of Chigi, an honest man, rough and quick to anger, offered to marry her; Anna-Maria accepted his proposal.

In the early days of her marriage, she kept up her social habits, frequenting the puppet theatre and wearing expensive necklaces. After three years of this life divided between the love of God and the love of the world, Anna-Maria confessed to the priest, was totally converted and, with her husband's consent, joined the Third Order of Trinitarians. Domenico wanted only one thing: for the house to be well-kept and peaceful!

Anna-Maria's parents came to live with them. But the shouting matches, which she did her best to pacify, were repeated every day, because her nagging mother was always picking quarrels with her son-in-law, who was easily carried away. Soothing the clashes as best she could, she hurried over to her over-enthusiastic husband, who throws her dinner on the floor with the table when he dislikes a dish. After her mother's death, her father lived at his daughter's expense and picked fight after fight. When he fell ill with leprosy, Blessed Anna-Maria tenderly nursed him back to health and helped him to die a Christian death.

For their seven children, the house risked becoming a living hell, but Blessed Anna-Maria remained so supernaturally gentle that Domenico would claim that it was a real paradise in his house, and that order and cleanliness reigned everywhere in their poor house. Anna-Maria got up early to go to church and took Communion every day. Blessed Anna-Maria Taïgi always kept her children busy. After supper, the family would recite the rosary and read a short life of the saint of the day, and then the children would go to bed after receiving a blessing. On Sundays, they visited the sick in hospital. Her maternal tenderness did not prevent her from firmly applying the deserved punishments. Her children benefited greatly from this well-balanced upbringing and soon became the honour of their virtuous mother and the model for their peers. She fed her maids better than she did herself; to one who broke the dishes out of clumsiness, she kindly said: "You have to make a living for the earthenware makers ."

She was able to read the needs of souls, the state of sinners and the perils of the Church. This extraordinary phenomenon lasted for forty-seven years. Thanks to her, the sick who were warned of their impending end died in a holy manner. As the fate of the deceased was revealed to her, her compassion for them inspired her to multiply her penances to free as soon as possible these poor souls who came to thank her for their deliverance. On Holy Monday, in an ecstasy, Anna-Maria learned that she would die on Good Friday. After blessing and thanking all her loved ones, she gave up the ghost with a cry of happiness and deliverance.



**DAILY READINGS AND EXERCICES OF THE WORD TO BE PUT INTO PRACTICE FOR
CHILDREN
(June 2024)**

1. **Saturday :** Mk 11, 27-33: **Pray for the Pope's intention:** that migrants, who flee war or hunger and are forced to make journeys full of danger and violence, may find hospitality and new life opportunities in the host countries. Prepare for the Nazareth Retreat.
2. **Sunday :** Mk 14, 12-16.22-26: **Blessed Sacrament.** Take part in Mass and make a small gesture of sacrifice at home.
3. **Monday :** 2P1, 2-7: Control and offer your anger to Jesus. **Read CCC No 1137.**
4. **Tuesday :** 2P3, 11-15.17-18: Pray to love Jesus
5. **Wednesday:** Mk 12, 18-27: Avoid quarrels
6. **Thursday :** 2Tm2, 8-15: Pray to grow in your faith
7. **Friday :** Jn 19, 31-37: **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Avoid sin.
8. **Saturday :** Lk 2, 41-51: **Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Pray a "Hail Mary".
9. **Sunday :** Mk 3, 20-35: Tell someone in your family what they do well.
10. **Monday :** 1 Kings17, 7-16: Give alms (give something) to a beggar or someone in difficulty.
11. **Tuesday** Mk 11, 21b-26; 13,1-3: Be joyful and communicate this joy to your parents.
12. **Wednesday:** 1Kings18, 20-39: Offer all your fears to Jesus in your prayers.
13. **Thursday :** Mt 5, 20-26: Avoid getting angry today
14. **Friday :** 1Kings19,9a.11-16: Practice being gentle during the day (in your words, actions and look).
15. **Saturday :** 1Kings 19,19-21: Ask your parents or brothers and sisters to give you spiritual advice.
16. **Sunday :** Mk 4, 26-34: Ask God to increase your faith.
17. **Monday :** 1Kings21, 1-16: Do not envy or jealous someone else's possessions and avoid all acts of wickedness.
18. **Tuesday** Mt 5, 43-48: Contact or do something good to someone who is not easy to love and who sometimes makes you angry.
19. **Wednesday:** Mt6,1-6.16-18: Read the Bible or ask someone to read it to you.
20. **Thursday :** Sir 48, 1-14: Pray for your godfather or godmother.
21. **Friday :** 2Kings11, 1-4. 9-18.20: Pray a lot today.
22. **Saturday :** 2Ch24,17-25: Ask forgiveness for your sins
23. **Sunday :** Mk 4, 35-41: Offer your fears to Jesus
24. **Monday :** 1S49, 1-6: Praise God, sing songs of thanksgiving and don't complain.
25. **Tuesday** Mt 6, 12-14: Carry out an act of love towards someone in your home
26. **Wednesday:** 2Kings22, 8-13; 23, 1-3: Read the Bible a lot or have it read to you.
27. **Thursday :** Mt 7, 21-29: Remind your family to pray together.
28. **Friday :** Mt 8, 1-4: Ask God for forgiveness.
29. **Saturday :** Mt 16, 13-19: Pray a "Hail Mary" for Pope Francis. Read CCC No 1163.
30. **Sunday :** Mk 5, 21-43: Pray for the annual retreat.

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REMINDE YOUR PARENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE WORD OF GOD ANNUAL RETREAT

THEME: "Lord, save me" (Mt 14:30b)

