

The Pass-the-Plate Devos



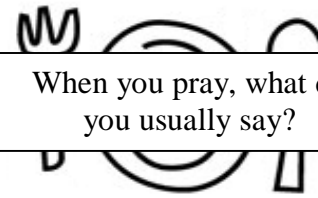
"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of May 24th"



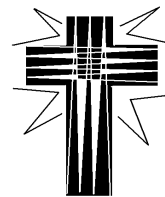
Bible Focus: **John 12:20-33**

6"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. **7**Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. **8**For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. **9**I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. **10**All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. **11**I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. **12**While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. **13**"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. **14**I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. **15**My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **16**They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **17**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **18**As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **19**For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



1. This passage is prayer from Jesus. In what you just read, Jesus was praying for us. What are three things that Jesus prayed for?
2. What do you think the world would look like if everyone was "one?"
3. How can we participate in Jesus' prayer to make the world "one?"



FAMILY CHALLENGE

A reporter once asked Mother Teresa what she often said when she prayed. Mother Teresa answered saying, "Well, I don't say much. I mostly listen." The reporter then asked her, "So what does God say to you?" And again, Mother Teresa answered, "Well, he doesn't say much – he just listens."

As a family, take five **WHOLE** minutes to sit quietly, and listen to God in prayer.