

A prayer prior to instructing from the catechism



O heavenly Father, your Word is perfect and brings the soul to repentance. It is a true testimony that gives wisdom to the simple and enlightens the eyes of the blind. It is a powerful means to salvation for all who believe.

We are, however, by nature blind and incapable of any good. You do not want any one near you who is not humble and heartbroken [Ps. 51:19] and fails to honour Your Word. Therefore, we pray that You enlighten our dark mind with Your Holy Spirit and grant us a gentle heart that shuns all arrogance and worldly wisdom as hostility towards You.

We pray that when we hear your Word we may understand it and live according to it.

In your grace, bring all who stray from the truth to repentance that united we may serve You in true holiness and righteousness all of our life. This we desire for Christ's sake alone who taught us to pray in His Name and also promised to hear us:

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.