

PRAYER: GOD HEARS IT ALL

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Psalms 139:1-4

Memory Verse

4 Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say,

Psalms 139:4



CASEY'S DAY

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Teddy loved talking.
He talked to his dog.
He talked to his toys.
He even talked to himself while brushing his teeth!

But when it came to praying, Teddy often got quiet. "What if I forget something?" he asked. "What if I don't say it right?"

His mom smiled and said, "Teddy, God isn't looking for perfect words. He just wants to hear your heart."

That night at dinner, Teddy closed his eyes and prayed, "Thank you for hot dogs and ketchup and for my baby sister, even though she spits up sometimes. Amen."

Guess what? God loved that prayer. Why? Because Teddy was being honest. He was just *talking* to God—like a friend.

Did you know the Bible says God knows what you're going to say *before* you even say it? That means you don't have to worry about saying things just right. God already knows what's in your heart. And he loves when you talk to him.

You can pray about silly stuff, scary stuff, happy stuff, or sad stuff. You can thank God for your grandma's hugs or ask him to help a sick pet. You can even pray after reading your favorite storybook!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." That means **you**.

Try This!

Pick your favorite storybook and read it with someone. Afterward, pray together about something in the story. For example:

"God, help me be kind like the lion in the book," or

"Help me feel brave like the girl who tried something new."

God is part of *every* part of your life—even storytime!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for listening to me. I don't always know what to say, but I'm glad you care about everything in my heart. Help me talk to you like a friend. Amen.

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